

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
State Allocation Board Meeting, March 11, 2009

WEB CASTING STATE ALLOCATION BOARD MEETINGS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the State Allocation Board (SAB) of options for the web casting of the SAB meetings.

DESCRIPTION

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) in conjunction with the Department of General Services (DGS), Office of Public Affairs, has been working towards providing greater transparency for SAB meetings through the use of web casting. Should the Board wish to pursue this, the following options are proposed for the Board's consideration:

- SAB Meetings Held in the State Capitol  
The DGS, Office of Public Affairs staff, would need authorization to utilize the existing television camera equipment in the hearing rooms for purposes of video web casting the SAB meetings, or permission to utilize the existing audio panel in the hearing rooms for purposes of audio web casting of the SAB meetings. If a hearing room did not have these capabilities, the DGS, Office of Public Affairs staff, would need to provide the necessary equipment to record the SAB meeting. There is a cost associated with this endeavor; however, since the parameters have not been established, the cost is unknown at this time.
- SAB Meetings Held in Alternative Locations Outside the State Capitol  
The DGS, Office of Public Affairs staff, would need to inspect the hearing room to make a determination of what type of equipment would be necessary to web cast the SAB meeting. There is a cost associated with this endeavor; however, since the parameters have not been established, the cost is unknown at this time.
- No web casting of the SAB meetings. There would be no cost incurred.

STAFF COMMENTS

Approximately 15 years ago, television cameras were installed in some of the hearing rooms in the State Capitol to allow the public to view government in action. The SAB meetings used to be televised on cable Channel 9. The DGS, Office of Public Affairs staff, would like to initiate the ability to web cast the SAB meetings to continue the spirit of greater transparency. In addition, it is the intent of the DGS, Office of Public Affairs, to utilize the least intrusive method of web casting but to allow for greater accessibility to the SAB meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

Accept this report.