

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF REGENTS FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**  
**Minutes of Meeting – December 5, 2007**

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A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education was held at the Shepard Building - 255 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903 and convened at 4:10 p.m.

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**In Attendance:**

R. Flanders, P. Guida, C. Callahan, R. Camara, A. Beretta and K. Forbes.

**Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Providence**

Chairman of the Board of Regents' State and Charter School Committee, Robert Camara and RIDE Director of Finance, Carolyn Dias introduced the agenda item. Mr. Camara reminded the Board that the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education is responsible for reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program; and per of changes to the school construction regulations passed in May 2007, there is a rolling application process that allows the districts to submit their applications when ever they are complete. At this meeting, the Regents are being asked to approve two Providence projects – a renovation project at the Nathan Bishop Middle School totaling \$35,000,000 and a \$40,849,701 project at the Career and Technical School. Mr. Camara assured the members of the Board that the two projects had met every demand of the new regulations.

**MOVED AND SECONDED: THAT, the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approves the Necessity of School Construction Projects Totaling \$75,859,401 pursuant to 16-7-41.1, as presented.**

**VOTE: Approved Unanimously.**

**Adjournment**

With unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.