



Transportation Infrastructure Investment Fund Council

Executive Session Minutes

May 20, 2026

11:44 a.m.

Virtual via Zoom and In-Person (Farmington-Felton Room, DelDOT Admin. Bldg.)

Members Present:

Mr. Joe Westcott (CHAIR)
Representative Bill Bush
Ms. Julia Geha
Senator Jack Walsh
Dr. Martin Nunlee
Dr. Cornelia Johnson
Mr. Bill Strickland
Mr. Larry Windley

Guests:

Susanne Laws	Delaware Department of Transportation
Jazmine Matthieu	Delaware Department of Transportation
Lorie Walker	Delaware Department of Transportation
Jeff Van Horn	Delaware Department of Transportation
E. J. Lopez	Delaware Department of Transportation
George Lees	Department of Justice/Delaware Department of Transportation

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Mr. Westcott conducted a Role Call to confirm attendance.

Roll call was taken:

Mr. Joe Westcott: Yes
Rep. Bill Bush: Yes
Sen. Jack Walsh: Yes
Dr. Martin Nunlee: Yes
Mr. Bill Strickland: Yes
Ms. Julia Geha: Yes
Mr. Larry Windley: Yes
Ms. Cornelia Johnson: Yes

The Council asked DAG Lees what they could consider in evaluating an application of ASPIRA Georgetown OZ Property Management, in terms of whether to approve or deny the grant request. DAG Lees referred to under the TIIF statute, that is from 8433, subpart A that the purpose of TIIF is to provide economic assistance to attract new businesses or expand existing businesses, so the



question becomes, is a charter school a business. Under Title 14, a charter school is defined as a public school, not a business.

Sen. Walsh asked if it would be more appropriate for the applicant to file under epilogue language or a bond bill through the Department of Education.

DAG Lees suggested that Sen. Walsh share these options with the applicant and advise how to move forward.

Mr. Westcott commented that since this application is not for a business that makes them ineligible for TIIF.

Mr. Nunlee asked if there was a pathway for this application.

DAG Lees suggested the applicant go to the state legislature to either change the statute or go through the Department of Education.

Mr. Strickland made a motion to leave Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nunlee. **Approved by the Council unanimously at 11:56 a.m.**

Minutes Prepared by: Lorie Walker, DelDOT Planning

Minutes Reviewed by: Susanne Laws, P.E., DelDOT Planning