CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

A. Roll call for attendance: The following members of the Task Force were present.
   Rep. Cynthia Soto, Co-Chair; Sen. Heather Steans, Co-Chair; Nona Burney, Grand Blvd
   Federation (designated alternate for Andrea Lee); Valencia Rias, Designs for Change; Cecile
   Carroll, Blocks Together; Rene Heybach, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless; Xian Barrett,
   Chicago Teachers Union; Dr. Clarice Berry, Chicago Principals and Administrators Association;
   Bill Gerstein, Chicago Public Schools (designated alternate for Mr. Runcie). Via Telephone:

   Staff: John Keigher, Speaker’s Office; Mary Filardo, Pro Bono Expert Advisor/Researcher (by
   telephone).

B. Establishment of a quorum
   With 11 members participating at the start of the meeting, a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

10-05-10: Motion to approve: Martinez, Steans 2nd: Passed by voice vote, none opposed
10-21-10: Motion to approve: Martinez, Barrett 2nd: Passed by voice vote, none opposed
11-09-10: Motion to approve: Martinez, Soto 2nd: Passed by voice vote, none opposed
12-07-10: Motion to approve: Soto, Steans 2nd: Passed by voice vote, none opposed

REPORTS FROM THE STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES

A. Public Input – Subcommittee Co-Chair Valencia Rias gave the report.
   Ms. Heybach: The subcommittee has done great work, and the broad range of public input
   indicates a real problem.

   Senator Martinez: What about the Jones HS new construction project for a new area school, or
   is it a replacement building for the existing Jones HS? Was there input? Can we (i.e., the CEFTF)
   stop it?

B. Facility Master Planning – FMP Subcommittee Chair Cecile Carroll gave the report.
   Ms. Rias: Did we ever get the 5 year plan from CPS?
Rep. Soto: To date no, CPS has not provided it. We have a request for a meeting with CPS Interim CEO Terry Mazany pending. Will advise the Task Force as to what develops from this.

C. **CPS Policy Review** – Subcommittee Co-Chair Xian Barrett gave the report.

Ms. Carroll: Asked him to give an overview of the policies reviewed.

D. **Facility Needs, Spending and Funding** – Mary Filardo went over the research analysis memo that she and pro bono advisor Jackie Leavy prepared for the Co-Chairs. These key findings will be incorporated into a PowerPoint Presentation for the next round of public feedback hearings. The analysis reveals a large number of schools still with serious facility needs, wide ranges of levels of investment, no clear priorities, and concerns about the school facility capacity/utilization formula that CPS is using (differs greatly from national standards, best practices).

IV. **Discussion of Overall Findings and Recommendations**

Mr. Keigher: Explained the requirements of the statute to present preliminary findings to the public

Rep. Soto: Would entertain a motion to approve the Preliminary Recommendations (see attachment to these Minutes).

Mr. Barrett: Upon hearing these reports and these preliminary recommendations today, I move that we consolidate these and present them to the public as required by our enacting legislation.

Ms. Heybach: Second the motion.

Passed by voice vote, none opposed

Ms. Rias: Public hearings should be scheduled to maximize attendance by community members, parents, students, teachers and principals. The Public Input Subcommittee would like to hold a hearing in the Thompson Center and perhaps one hearing each on the Northwest/West side and South side.

After discussion, 2-18 and 2-21 looked to be the best dates for public hearings; and 2-25 would work for a full CEFTF meeting to discuss the progress. We may need to meet again for final approval.

V. **Public Comment**

**Lisa Andino, Cameron School:** Needs science equipment and tables, need a social studies room, and students need a quality education. Other schools are getting money, why can’t we? The water running from faucets in the school is rusty. There are no doors on the bathroom stalls. The school is like a prison. Kids should be proud of their school. Ms. Andino said that CPS would not let parents video-record a recent visit by CPS employees. Other parents from Cameron were there in support.
April Whitaker, South Shore High School for Arts: The students have been moved around and are still in a temporary spot. There is asbestos, mold and rats. Ms. Rias offered comments disputing some of her assertions.

Angela Bryant, STEM Schools: Has seen many good schools but knows that some bad schools bring down the reputation of CPS. STEM schools such as Alexander Hamilton are good for the kids, but cost a lot, for example it cost $6 million to build a STEM school. The work of this task force should be more publicized. Equity is important – give CPS guidelines on where you want them to go.

Al Rodgers, Latinos of the Southwest Side, LSC member: Transparency and public comment are important. The IL Open Meetings Acts (“OMA”) was amended to require a public comment period at public meetings. The Public Building Commission does not do this. We need to be doing this with CPS.

VI. Conclusion
A. Establish next meeting date: 2-25-11

B. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Barrett, Dr. Burney seconded the motion. Passed by voice vote, none opposed.