

MEMBERS

Michael Bishop, Chair
Senior Citizens' Organization
3rd term expires 9/2025

Oswaldo Avila, Community-At-Large
1st term expires 11/2025

Steve Davis, Business Representative
1st term expires 10/2025

Raul Nario, Parent / PTO
2nd term expires 6/2025

Rebecca Turrentine, Community-At-Large
3rd term expires 9/2024

Pamela Williams, Parent/Guardian
2nd term expires 10/2024

Vacant, Member, Taxpayers' Association
Accepting Applications

STAFF

David Miranda, Executive Director, Facilities
Development & Planning Branch

Maria Ruiz, Admin Secretary

Sara Slater, Assistant Director, Fiscal
Services

Erica Bonilla, Assistant Director, Purchasing
& Contracts

Shantel McCullough, Assistant Director,
Public Information

Dana Grudem, Senior Program Manager

Ferdows Fazeli, Senior Program Manager

Tracy Nishihira, Administrator, Planning

Dan Barr, Administrator, Construction

Douglas Jordan, Measure E Principal Liaison

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Long Beach Unified School District's Citizens' Oversight Committee was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Michael Bishop, Chair.

CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Bishop
Rebecca Turrentine
Oswaldo Avila
Raul Nario

CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT/TARDY

Steve Davis [Tardy, Arrival 5:11]
Pamela Williams [Tardy, Arrival 5:07]

STAFF PRESENT

Maria Ruiz
Sara Slater
Alan Reising
Dana Grudem
David Miranda
Tracy Nishihira
Shantel McCullough

Approval Minutes

It was moved by Rebecca Turrentine and seconded by Oswaldo Avila to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2024, meeting.

Ayes:3

Noes:0

Abstained:

Absent: Steve Davis and Pamela Williams

Motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Communications

1. COC & Community Meeting Updates

- **David Miranda** reminded committee members to visit the bond program website (lbschoolbonds.net) for updates and resources.
 - Shared that a new "Meeting Report" format was introduced to summarize key points from all community meetings, available on the bond website.
 - The committee acknowledged **Rebecca Turrentine** for her dedicated service and expressed appreciation as she concluded her three terms on the LBUSD Citizens' Oversight Committee.

2. Heat Mitigation Strategies for the Start of the School Year

- **David Miranda** reported that the district survived the recent heatwave well, aided by effective coordination with Maintenance, Operations, and Public Information. Thanks to efforts by **Alan Reising** and **David Van Westerhuyzen**, new procedures were implemented to ensure HVAC systems were tested and operational well before the start of school. As a result, the school year started smoothly, with classrooms fully furnished and construction activities causing minimal to no

disruptions. Schools still without HVAC systems have been supported through temporary solutions such as chilled water dispensers and window tinting.

- **Media Coverage:** Despite the large number of media inquiries, the overall coverage regarding the district's preparedness and HVAC completion timeline was fair and positive.
- **Pamela Williams** shared a community interaction where she helped a parent, who was talking with Channel 5, understand the broader scope of the district's efforts, highlighting the work of the Facilities Department and the information gathered by the COC.
- **Alan Reising** also pointed out that air-conditioned portable buildings were available at all sites, and accommodations were made for students with health concerns.

Staff Reports - Financial Update

1. Sara Slater provided a detailed financial update, covering the period from **April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.**

- The district accrued expenditures due to work completed but not yet paid. This was a significant quarter, with **\$29,566,791** in total, which included program funding of \$23,566,784 in interest payments across three bonds and **\$6M (\$3M each)** in developer fees allocated to the **Gompers** and **Emerson** projects.
- Developer fees exceeded expectations in **May and June**, with excess funds being rolled over for future projects. Some of this surplus could potentially stretch the bond funds or be allocated to future needs.
- **New Project Categories:** Sara explained that some schools with older HVAC systems that still function would now be labeled as "Mod Plus" projects (e.g., Mod Plus). These schools will undergo modernization of their existing systems but will not receive entirely new HVAC units. The "Plus" designation reflects additional updates, including ADA compliance, sustainability efforts, landscaping, and security improvements.
- The adjustment to project names and scopes (HVAC vs. Mod Plus) was made to avoid confusion for the public and ensure transparency in project reporting. The designation "Plus" indicates funding from **Measure Q**, which covers sustainability and other priorities beyond servicing existing HVAC systems.

Budget Adjustments & Savings:

- Projects like **Millikan HVAC+** had increased costs while on pause, due to cost escalations over the years, but the budget has now been adjusted to reflect the updated figures.
- **Sara Slater** confirmed that **\$14.4M** in savings from completed or closed projects was moved back into reserves to be used for future needs.
- **Oswaldo Avila** inquired about the difference between projects labeled with "Plus" and those without, to which David, Tracy and Sara explained that the distinction between "Plus" and standard projects lies in the additional upgrades beyond basic HVAC improvements. The "Plus" project designation is funded under Measure E, but uses Measure Q funds to include additional enhancements such as sustainability features, landscaping, technology upgrades, and security improvements. Each project is evaluated on a site-by-site basis, with upgrades tailored to the specific needs of the campus. The district's [Facility Master Plan](#) identifies ten priority areas, and the "Plus" projects address these priorities to ensure that each school receives the most relevant and necessary improvements.

Ongoing Project Tracking:

- **Michael Bishop** inquired about the duration of active projects. **Sara Slater** clarified that the bond program is extensive, and projects remain on the active list through all phases: planning, design, construction, and closeout. Some projects may remain on the list for additional 3-5 years, particularly when state funding is expected to offset some of the bond costs.
- **Alan Reising** noted that grants received from the State Allocation Board, including a **\$17.7M** allocation for the **Robinson** and **Hoover** projects, will help reduce the bond funding needed for these projects.

Expenditures Overview:

- A breakdown of the **\$76,930,499** in expenditures for the quarter was provided, highlighting the high volume of work currently being done across the district. This includes new projects, as well as ongoing work on previously budgeted items.

- The report also included detailed charts, graphs, and project-by-project breakdowns available to committee members electronically and on the Bond website for deeper analysis.

Next Steps

- The **quarterly financial reports** are available to the public and include detailed charts and graphs for each project, offering a deeper dive into the financials and progress updates.
- Committee members are encouraged to continue reviewing the reports and visit the bond website [lbschoolbonds.net] for additional updates.

2. Bond Program Update Presentation

- Briefly shared information about the Facilities Development and Planning 2024 Summer Internship Program
- Avalon K-12 (100 year anniversary, HVAC + Modernization and Ball Field Project)
- Butler Middle School: Serving as the Interim Housing site for Washington Middle School Students.
- Millikan High School: HVAC modernization beginning January 2025
- Birney Elementary: Example of unforeseen conditions leading to cost increases.
- Wilson & Lakewood Aquatic Centers
- Polytechnic High School + Washington Middle School Transformation: Updates on ongoing projects.
- Sustainability Pilot [Washington Middle]: Drought tolerant, low water, electric kitchen, solar panels, artificial turf fields, etc.

New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

Announcements

Taxpayer organization vacancy in the COC.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Rebecca Turrentine and seconded by Pamela Williams.

Next Meeting

The next COC meeting is scheduled for December 2024 to review the audit and the draft annual report. Members will be notified via email once the meeting date is confirmed.

Tour

At the conclusion of the meeting the present staff and committee members took a walking tour of the Polytechnic High School campus, led by Tracy Nishihira.