



Fiscal Oversight Committee (FOC)

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Regular Monthly Meeting – Board Room | Wilcox Building

Voting Members (x indicates in attendance * indicates absent)

x	James Coope, Chair	x	Kevin Metzger
x	Ed Pavletich, Vice Chair	x	Maya Rosochacova
x	Jerrold Taylor, Recorder	x	Mike Barrows
x	Aaron Cowan	x	Robert Smithson
*	Alex Frum	x	Shawn Daughenbaugh
x	David Usechek	*	Vili Vangelova-Petkova
x	Daniel Smith		

Non-Voting Members

*	Kaylee Winegar, Board of Education Director	x	Jana Schleusner, Chief Financial Officer
*	Valerie Thompson, Board of Education Director	x	Colleen Doan, Director of Budget
*	Aadithya S, DCSD Student Advisory Group	x	Eric Varner, Director of Finance
		x	Jenny Frueh, Administrative Assistant-CFO
		x	Drew Phelps, Manager of School Budgeting
		*	Cheryl DeCristino, Accounting Manager

Guests

Call to Order

- Chair James Coope called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Roll call was taken.
- Chair James Coope announced that Megan Severs has resigned. James thanked her for her service and noted that Megan would like to rejoin when life calms down.

Public Participation Protocol Statement

- Chair James Coope stated that the public would have an opportunity at the end of the meeting to provide public comment.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting

- Motion to adopt March 13, 2025, Minutes of Meeting by Dave Usechek, seconded by Shawn Daughenbaugh. Motion passed unanimously.

Board of Education Update | BOE Directors Kaylee Winegar and Valerie Thompson

- Both directors were out at community meetings in Highlands Ranch.
- Jana gave an update on the school consolidation from the last BOE meeting.

SY 2025-2026 Budget Update | Colleen Doan, Director of Budget and Drew Phelps, Manager of School Budgeting

- Colleen presented an update on the 25-26 Proposed Budget.
 - The House Education Committee passed the School Finance Act and is on to the Senate.
 - Went over enrollment and funded count under the School Finance Act.
 - 4-year averaging.
 - Compensation increases were presented.
- Drew talked about the discretionary dollars given to schools.
- Colleen went over department highlights in the general fund balance.
- Members asked several questions and complimented Colleen on the new format in which information was presented.

State of the State / Legislative Updates | Jana Schleusner, Chief Financial Officer

- Jana gave an update on happenings at the state capital.
- Healthy School Meals for All. Two ballot initiatives will be referred to voters to fix, both must pass for the program to continue.
- Property tax for taxpayer cash flow no longer being considered.

- PERA transparency was also discussed.

New Member Interview Subcommittee | Chair James Coope

- James gave an update, one person to interview. Will continue to recruit members for next year to fill positions that are empty.

Operational Bylaws Update | Chair James Coope

- James went over the operational bylaws and the feedback that was received.
- A few changes to the language of the bylaws were discussed as well as adding a bullet point about FOC reviewing fiscal controls that the district has.
- Motion to accept the operational bylaws with the changes discussed was made by Ed Pavletich and seconded by Dave Usechek. Motion was passed 11-0

Mill Bond Oversight Committee (MBOC) Update | Dan Smith, FOC Member/MBOC Liaison

- Daniel Smith gave an update on MBOC.
 - Looking at governance.
 - Overview of projects that were discussed by the MBOC was given.

Student Advisory Group (SAG) Update | Aadithya Senthilkumar, DCSD Student Member

- No SAG rep was present.

New Business/Ideas | Chair James Coope

- Megan Severs was the FOC representative on the CART. With her resignation, James asked for a member to join CART and to reach out if interested.

Member Roundtable

- James asked the group if there should be liaisons to other BOE committees?
 - There was a discussion and members felt it would be beneficial.
 - It was decided that there should be a discussion with the BOE on this topic, and it should be their decision.

Public Participation

- No public

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Shawn Daughenbaugh, seconded by Aaron Cowan. Meeting adjourned at 8:10. Motion approved unanimously.

Next FOC Meeting

- The next FOC Meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2025, in the Board Room at the Wilcox Building.