

RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE O CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order:

The Measure O Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting commenced at 5:02 p.m.

Members Present:

Jessica Gomez, Beiwei Tu, Chani Beeman, Art Alcaraz, Martin De Campos, Keith Nelson, Cheryl Tavaglione, Douglas Kroon, Lara E. Martin, Tina Grande-Field, and Sandra Roy

Member Absent:

Terry Walling, Bob Garcia

Staff Present:

Sergio San Martin, Nora Lopez, Ariana Arciniega, Rene Castro, Belen Bobadilla, and Tim Walker

Consultants Present:

Tarana Alam and Alicia McHenry from KeyAnalytics; and Jennifer Broadlee from Best Best & Krieger.

Community Members Present:

Jason Hunter

Public Comment:

Public Comment Instructions were read by Dr. Nelson, and there were none.

Consent Items:

Approval of March 2, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes

Dr. Nelson asked if there was any discussion on the minutes. Being none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Miss Jessica Gomez, and seconded by Miss Cheryl Tavaglione.

A vote was taken via roll call vote per the Brown Act. The vote was as follows:

Jessica Gomez, Beiwei Tu, Chani Beeman, Art Alcaraz, Martin De Campos, Keith Nelson, Cheryl Tavaglione, Douglas Kroon, Lara E. Martin, Tina Grande-Field, Sandra Roy

The motion carried.

Sierra Middle School Tour:

Mr. San Martin provided background of the Sierra High School project history, and then Rene proceeded to lead the Committee on a tour of the site, highlighting the work completed.

Committee Discussion

Upon returning from the site tour, Mr. Alcaraz questioned the student population, and Mr. San Martin said that it is close to 900 students.

Community Input:

None

Discussion Items:

1. Measure O Project Updates and Staff Report

Mr. San Martin provided an update and progress of the Measure O projects that are active. He highlighted that the report of these details was provided to each Committee member, and proceeded to explain the project list, focusing on their progress, the type of work done, the status of projects, as well as updated timeframes and project phases.

Throughout his presentation, he answered questions posed from Committee members. Miss Roy requested a list of District owned properties and Mr. San Martin said that staff can provide later while recommending she review the draft DIR to see these details.

Miss Alam provided a financial summary of the Measure O report, proceeding to elaborate on the expenditure information shown and how projects are utilizing the various Capital Facility funds, as well as project's expenditure progress to date. Miss Alam addressed all expenditure backup questions posed by Committee members. Dr. Nelson requested projects original budget compared to final costs that Miss Alam stated she would revisit showing that information again. Miss Roy also asked about what expenses are included under "Facilities Project" category, to which Miss Alam offered to provide in cumulative and greater detail of these expenses than the report summarizes in following meetings. Miss Roy requested that Dr. Nelson add this item to a future agenda. Miss Roy then asked why a pool contractor be included in this expense category, to which Miss Alam offered to provide more detail on this in the next meeting.

Committee Discussion:

Miss Roy requested attorney letters to review bond language drafted for the ballot, and bond authorization details, to which Mr. San Martin said this information has been provided to the Committee before, and can be shared again if needed. Dr. Nelson offered to agendize this item for the next meeting.

Community Input:

Jason Hunter

2. Community Workforce Agreements Report

Mr. San Martin provided an update on the District's Community Workforce Agreements (CWA) process, and he also provided information on what these agreements are, who the participating parties and along with their roles and responsibilities, and guiding principles. He reminded the Committee that they were invited to attend the prior Board meeting when this information was presented so the Committee could address related questions. Mr. San Martin added that two upcoming projects, East Side and Casa Blanca Elementary School's, will follow the CWA process.

Mr. San Martin addressed questions from the Committee on the process, terminology used, CEQA process, project costs option selections, and Measure O funding selection towards certain projects.

Committee Input

In response to Mr. Hunter's comments about concerns in how Measure O funds are used, Miss Roy expressed concern in not receiving a copy of CWA in her packet and wanted to understand from how this process affects bidding – for example, how it qualifies or disqualifies vendors, and requested an explanation of the bidding process. Miss Broadlee explained that the jurisdiction of the Committee is to review expenditures and not the District's bidding process as this is under the Board of Education jurisdiction and recommended not deviating from the Committees purview, but welcomed the Committee to attend Board of Education meetings to voice these concerns as public comments. After expressing concerns about costs selection options for projects, as well as the concern between Committee members in regard to ensure inclusivity within this CWA process, Dr. Nelson said he would like to take his concerns on vendor selection discrimination to the Board of Education.

Dr. Nelson offered to agendize requesting Attorney opinion in the next meeting in relation to whether or not Measure O funds can be used for Construction Management services.

Community Input

Jason Hunter

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at Longfellow Elementary School.

Committee Member Comments:

Dr. Nelson recommended to the Committee if there are any additional items between his meeting and the next that they want added to the agenda, to please send it to Miss Bobadilla.

Mr. Alcaraz requested a round or u-shaped seating arrangement for ease of hearing for future meetings.

Miss Roy requested to agendaize clarification on the CWA.

Mr. San Martin recommended simplifying meeting minutes, to which Miss Beeman and the Committee agreed since they have access to recordings on the District's website for more details, but agree that summarizing Committee minutes would be beneficial.

Mr. De Campos offered possible AI transcribing options to ease this process, though Dr. Nelson expressed security concerns to these.

Community Input:

Jason Hunter

Meeting Conclusion:

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.