

RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE OF CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday December 6th, 2023
5:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Dr. Keith Nelson, Art Alcaraz, Martin De Campos, Sandra Roy, Douglas Kroon, Chani Beeman, Tina Grande-Field, Beiwei Tu

Member Absent:

Lara E. Martin, Terry Walling, Cheryl Tavaglione, Jessica Gomez, Bob Garcia

Staff Present:

Renee Hill, Tim Walker, Orin Williams, Belen Bobadilla, Rene Castro, Elsa Castillo, Hope Olvera, Karen Dowden

Consultants Present:

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

Community Members Present:

Jason Hunter

Call Meeting to Order:

The Measure O Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting commenced at 5:04 PM.

Public Comment:

Public Comment Instructions were read by Dr. Keith Nelson.

Community Comments:

Jason Hunter provided public comments.

Roll Call and Introduction of Members:

The Committee conducted roll call and Introductions.

Consent Items:

1. Approval of September 20th, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes

Dr. Keith Nelson moved to accept September 20th, 2023 Meeting Minutes as is, but before this could be taken to vote, Art Alcaraz requested a discussion point and shared his embarrassment towards conduct at the previous meeting and concerns as to how this reflects upon the committee and was open to comments.

Sandra Roy requested a sentence (on page 3 of 4) be changed in the September 20th Minutes. The sentence that details state findings from audits should be shared with the committee "prior to meetings," should instead state audits be provided to CBOC "prior to School Board Approval."

Dr. Keith Nelson repeats, Sandra Roy's amendment to be made to which Martin De Campos stands on his motion to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Tina Grande-Field.

A vote was taken via roll call vote per the Brown Act. The vote was as follows: Dr. Keith Nelson, Art Alcaraz, Martin De Campos, Sandra Roy, Douglas Kroon, Chani Beeman, Tina Grande-Field.

Abstentions:

One, by Beiwei Tu

The motion carried.

New Business/Action Items:

1. Call For Nominations and Election of Committee Officers

Dr. Keith Nelson announced the nominations to replace himself, as Chair, and Vice Chair (Jessica Gomez), as both terms are ending. Dr. Keith Nelson further clarifies expiring 3rd term members: Dr. Keith Nelson on 02/24/2024, Tina Grande-Fields on 07/14/2024, and Terry Walling on 07/14/2024 (but is not present) and these persons cannot be nominated due to expiring on third terms.

Dr. Keith Nelson moves for nomination, and Tina Grande-Field nominated Dr. Keith Nelson as Chair, seconded by Sandra Roy.

A vote was taken via roll call vote per the Brown Act. The vote was as follows: Dr. Keith Nelson, Art Alcaraz, Martin De Campos, Sandra Roy, Douglas Kroon, Chani Beeman, Tina Grande-Field, Beiwei Tu.

Abstentions:

None

The motion carried.

Martin De Campo nominates Sandra Roy for Vice Chair, seconded by Art Alcaraz.

A vote was taken via roll call vote per the Brown Act. The vote was as follows: Dr. Keith Nelson, Martin De Campos, and Sandra Roy

Opposed:

Douglas Kroon, Chani Beeman, Tina Grande-Field, and Beiwei Tu.

Abstentions:

Art Alcaraz

The motion did not pass.

Tina Grande-Field nominated Chani Beeman for Vice Chair, seconded by Beiwei Tu.

A vote was taken via roll call vote per the Brown Act. The vote was as follows: Dr. Keith Nelson, Art Alcaraz, Martin De Campos, Sandra Roy, Douglas Kroon, Chani Beeman, Tina Grande-Field, Beiwei Tu.

Opposed:

Sandra Roy

The motion carried.

2. Review of Committee Member Terms of Office

[AN: Item conducted out of order. This is Agenda #D.3]

Dr. Keith Nelson confirmed the members in their final terms are himself, Terri Welling, Tina Grande Fields, and Bob Garcia, expressing his understanding that

the District is actively soliciting to replace these members. The current members terming out and still eligible for another term, in February are: Douglas Kroon, Beiwi Tu, and Cheryl Tavaglione. Douglas Kroon confirmed he has already applied for a second term.

3. Consider the Committee's Request to the District to Obtain Outside Legal Opinion Regarding the Subject Matter Jurisdiction and Agenda of the Committee

[AN: Item conducted out of order. This is Agenda #D.2]

Community Comments:

Jason Hunter provided public comments.

Dr. Keith Nelson addresses Jason Hunter's comments given, regarding who is in control of the subject matter of the committee's Agenda's. Dr. Keith Nelson explains that this is not to determine what can be added to the agenda but more specifically to an ongoing disagreement stemming from members request to review and discuss at meetings the pending litigation with the district regarding Measure O. The committee was informed pending litigation was outside of the committee's purview, to which Dr. Keith Nelson confirmed three members did not agree. He confirms the Board would consider outside legal opinion, but we have not asked for it, and protocol has not been established, nor initiated, consequently, this item has been added to the agenda.

Sandra Roy requests clarification on the process to add items to the Agenda, as she feels her requests to add agenda items are being denied. Sandra Roy then stated that her other request for the project labor agreement cost was also denied. Dr. Keith Nelson and Jennifer Broadlee clarified that the committee was informed that this item is not denied but that the district needed time to prepare this information, such as the Casa Blanca original and current project labor agreement costs, and will be prepared to provide the information at the February meeting for discussion, as well as other project cost increases.

Community member, Jason Hunter, interjected to state what can be discussed in the committee is decided by the committee and any subject matter can be added to the Agenda. Jennifer Broadlee clarified that subject matter jurisdiction of a public agency body is decided by law, not by the committee itself nor the District can decide what is within subject matter jurisdiction.

Dr. Keith Nelson confirms that the protocol or procedure is recognized and in place as to how to request additional legal counsel from the Board. This item is now inclusive of the inclusion of the Measure O lawsuit for further discussion.

Sandra Roy makes a motion to vote for the Chair or another designee, to request to the Board for the district to authorize and pay for independent legal opinion if the Measure O lawsuit is within the committee jurisdiction to be discussed in future committee meetings, seconded by Martin De Campo.

A vote was taken via roll call vote per the Brown Act. The vote was as follows: Dr. Keith Nelson, Martin De Campos, and Sandra Roy.

Opposed:

Art Alcaraz, Douglas Kroon, Chani Beeman, Tina Grande-Field, and Beiwei Tu.

The motion did not pass.

Jennifer Broadlee added that anyone is more than welcome to still attend Board meetings and make public comments on this item.

Reports/Discussions:

1. Measure O Project Updates

Belen Bobadilla overviewed the progress of active projects in her presentation. Dr. Keith Nelson inquired if there was a physical copy of this presentation, but Belen Bobadilla offered to post this presentation after this meeting.

Martin De Campo inquired how long the relevancy is expected to be for this committee to meet, and Tarana Alam (Key Analytics) answered that until the very last cent is spent on the bond, this committee will need to continue to meet.

Tarana Alam then proceeded to overview the Measure O financial revenue and expenditure updates for all projects. After this presentation, Dr. Keith Nelson inquired if the land is abandoned, such as Eastside, if liquidating property occurs, then the entire amount of funds return to Measure O, and Jennifer Broadlee states she will review this question and provide feedback.

Community Comments:
Jason Hunter provided public comments.

Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

Sandra Roy requested to know when the Audit Report would be completed. Orin Williams stated he would ensure the committee would receive a copy of this report prior to the next meeting.

Tina Grande-Field requested a report to outline if there are Measure O funds available for North High School.

Dr. Keith Nelson requested staff to comment or report on what is being done to reduce class sizes for the District.

Chani Beeman would like a conversation on the agenda on how the Agenda is ordered and built to make the best use of district staff and committee time.

Tina Grande-Fields reiterated the request that the Chair or another designee request to the Board if the District can pay for an independent Council to provide an opinion if the Measure O lawsuit is within the Committee's jurisdiction to discuss. Tina Grande-Fields also requested clarification on how Measure O funds that are not expended for projects are redistributed to other projects.

Sandra Roy requested if it could be added to the Agenda for the Committee to receive a report from the Board on Committee applications received and an update on this process.

Beiwi Tu wants to add to the end of each Agenda a notation of what was discussed in each meeting that will be added to the next Annual Report, so each Annual Report can be compiled easily from these portions in each Board Minutes. Beiwu Tu then recommended these highlighted portions possibly be titled "Future Annual Report Items for Future Review".

Martin De Campo would like to have introductions made from Staff to the Committee when new staff members join so he can properly greet everyone.

Beiwi Tu then requested to add to the Agenda for the Committee to discuss Vice Chair to Chair succession plan. Jennifer Broadlee requested clarification if it was of the interest of the Committee to amend the bylaws as it relates to this place, to which Ms. Tu confirmed this would be for the awareness of all future Vice Chairs and Chairs.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be February 13th, at 5:00PM, at North High School.

Community Input
None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31.

Future Annual Report Items for Future Review:

Meeting Date: 12/06/2023

- An understanding between the committee and district staff should be outlined of responsibilities, processes and what staff support means for the committee.
- Dr. Keith confirms that the protocol or procedure is recognized and in place as to how to request independent legal counsel from the board, and the board is open to requests. The committee will vote for the Chair or another designee, to request to the Board for the district to authorize and pay for independent legal opinion.