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April 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes
4th Quarter-Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting
Merced City School District
Board Room
1730 Brookdale Dr.
Merced, CA 95340

1. Call to Order Quorum

1-A **Call to Order:**
Bryan Behn called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.
District Representative:
Julianna Stocking, Superintendent
Roll Call:
Quorum Met

Committee Members:	Term	Term Expires	Present
Atenceia Maria	1st Term	Summer 2026	
Hellen Tang	1st Term	Summer 2026	
Richard Wendling	1st Term	Summer 2026	X
Janette McAuley	1st Term	Summer 2026	X
Erin Lodwick	1st Term	Summer 2026	
Brianne Callister	1st Term	Summer 2026	X
Ron Radney	1st Term	Summer 2026	X
Caroline Meraz	1st Term	Summer 2026	X
Audrea Tuhn	1st Term	Summer 2026	X

Flag Salute:
Audrea Tuhn

1-B **Committee Organization:**
Bryan Behn explained to the members that per the MCSD Citizens'" Bond Bylaws, the committee will need a President, Vice President, and Secretary; these individuals will run the meeting. Both Rick Wendling and Caroline Meraz were nominated for President. It was voted and passed that Mr. Rick Wendling is the committee's President and Caroline Meraz is the committee's Vice President. It was also voted that the Facilities Department Secretary will serve as the committee's Secretary. Bryan Behn handed the meeting over to the new President, Rick Wendling, and also introduced Superintendent Julianna Stocking. Superintendent Stocking thanked the members for being a part of this very important committee.

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2. Public Comments

2-A **Public Comments:**

Bryan Behn introduced Mr. Don Ulrich, our facilities consultant. Mr. Ulrich shared that his role is to support the committee and shared that the committee's role is to hold the district accountable by verifying that Bond Funds are being used properly.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes

3-A **Approval of minutes** from February 11, 2025.

Approved

4. Reports

4-A **Role of CBOC/Information**

Slide Show Presentation

- Authorization to Establish Committee, created with passage of Prop 39, implementing legislation- Assembly Bill 1908. Governing Board must appoint a committee within 60 days of certification of election results.
- Composition of Committee consists of at least 7 members, term is 2 years, 2 consecutive terms max. Committee must include representation from one of the following groups: Business community located in district, senior citizens' org., parent/guardian of child in district parent/guardian of a child in district, and active parent organization or, taxpayer organization. Committee must not include district officials or employees.
- Purpose and Activities: provide public oversight regarding bond expenditures and which are only expended on capital facility projects and are not used for teacher/admin salaries. Review annual performance on status of approved projects, annual audit on use of bond proceeds, inspect facilities and grounds to ensure proceeds are spent on approved projects.

4-B **Dates for Meetings 25-26 Year**

President Wendling noted the new dates for the 2025-2026 school year. June 24, 2025, September 30, 2025, December 16, 2025, and March 31, 2026, these dates were established per the bylaws.

4-C **Current Projects**

Bryan Behn reported on the current and upcoming projects, starting with Sheehy Elementary, as we are wrapping up that project with the last step of the transportation drop off/ pick up and fencing, leaving the project close out and Notice of Completion. Franklin Elementary Phase 2b is the final stage, with the landscaping to finish it up. Franklin Phase 3 will start with the bidding for site work for Phase A will start mid-April and finish up in the beginning of October. The estimated completion for Phase 3 of Franklin will be February 2026.

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4-D **Upcoming Projects**

Bryan Behn shared upcoming projects for Hoover and Fremont; both sites will get new fencing around the perimeters of the schools. Peterson Elementary Modernization Project will refresh existing buildings, including new lighting, plumbing, casework, and flooring, with a project cost is 10.6 million.

4-E **Fiscal Report-Measure M**

Julio Rodriguez-Rivera presented the Quarterly Financial Report-Measure M Summary Expenditure Report, which describes all the funding in the Bond Fund (Fund 21). The report showed that (to date 4/15/2025) the amount of funds spent is $54,184,736.28. Mr. Rodriguez-Rivera also briefly explained that our beginning balance for Measure M funds was $7,179,667.77. Over time, our estimated interest will be $163,088.76, and our budgeted expense for the year is $776,550.16, leaving a balance of $6,566,206.37. These are the current activity amounts.

4-F **Measure O Information**

Bryan Behn reported on the Measure O timeline as to when the bonds will hit the Market. They were scheduled to hit the market on April 2, 2025; however, our Bond Consultants have advised the district to put a pause on releasing them on the market due to the tariffs. They will enter the market instead on April 16, 2025.

5. Action Items

5-A Annual Measure M Audit

Mr. Wendling reported that each year, the CBOC is presented with the audit prepared by a 3rd party auditor to assess and evaluate the district's management of the bond funding. This year, there were no findings reported. Ron Radney motioned to accept the report with no findings, Audrea Tuhn seconded, with 5 votes motion passed. Mr. Wendling will report to the Board of Education on May 13th that the CBOC accepts the report.

6. Comments

6-A Comments

It was suggested that every member in attendance share their role on this community according to our bylaws as follows:

- Rick Wendling- Business Owner/Community Member
- Ron Radney- Senior Community Member
- Audrea Tuhn- Parent/PTC Treasurer, School Site, Boundary Committee
- Brianne Callister- Parent/PTC, Boundary Committee
- Caroline Meraz- Business Owner/Measure O Committee

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7. Adjourn

7-A **Adjourn Meeting**

Rick Wendling adjourned the meeting at 5:36 PM