

AGENDA

Tamalpais Union High School District

Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight Committee (PTCOC)

May 7, 2025

8:30-10:30 am

The public meeting will be held in-person at Tamalpais Union High School District: 395 Doherty Drive, Larkspur, CA, 94939 in the Human Resource Conference Room and remotely via Zoom web-conferencing at this link:

<https://tamdistrict-org.zoom.us/j/97998863267?pwd=9hrTIngaOLRSeRjNJ4lrY0HBnTawW3.1>

Committee Members:

Jennifer Ginsburg- Chairperson

Robin Moses - Vice Chairperson

John Richard

Tammy Wilks Kornfeld

Bill Levinson

TUHSD Staff:

Corbett Elsen, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations & PTCOC Secretary

Alejandra Vazquez, Administrative Assistant of Business Services

Our Mission:

THE TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT is dedicated to the development of creative, passionate, and self-motivated learners. Upon graduation, students will be prepared for engaged citizenship and able to contribute individually and collaboratively in order to address the challenges of a dynamic and diverse world. To these ends, all students will demonstrate mastery of core competencies and will be offered meaningful learning experiences to enable them to access and critically analyze information, pose substantive questions, and communicate effectively.

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Members of the public may comment on agenda items as follows: Once an item is introduced, the staff will review the item for the Committee and then comments will be accepted from the public. A total of 20 minutes may be allotted for public comment on any specific topic or agenda item.

Public comment on matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee but not on the agenda will be taken at the conclusion of all substantive action and discussion items on the agenda, as indicated on the agenda. In keeping with provisions of the Brown Act, the Committee cannot comment on items that are not on the agenda.

Agenda:

1.0 Call to Order

In Person at Tamalpais Union High School District: 395 Doherty Drive, Larkspur, CA, 94939 in the Human Resource Conference Room.

The Parcel Tax COC meeting was called to order by Corbett Elsen at 8:37am. PTCOC Members in attendance: Corbett Elsen, Jennifer Ginsburg, Bill Levinson, John Richard, Tammy Wilks Kornfeld and Alejandra Vazquez. Robin Moses was absent. C. Elsen shared and reviewed the agenda items. Agenda was moved by Jennifer Ginsburg and seconded by Bill Levinson. Unanimous approval.

Zoom Link:

<https://tamdistrict-org.zoom.us/j/97998863267?pwd=9hrTIngaOLRSeRjNJ4lrY0HBnTawW3.1>
(please mute your audio when not speaking)

2.0 Discussion/Action Items

2.1) Review of [Parcel Tax COC Bylaws](#) & [Ballot Measure \(M\)](#)

Purpose: Audit function; not decision-making

- Duties: Ensure expenditures align with ballot measure
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PTCOC members reviewed the roles of the committee, functioning as an audit to ensure that expenditures of the parcel tax align with the ballot measures.

2.2) TUHSD Budget Overview - Discuss 2024-25 2nd Interim budget report presentation

- 2nd Interim budget report [slidedeck](#) and discussion

C. Elsen shared the 2nd Interim Budget report and provided a budget update, reviewing the Multi-Year Projections. He noted that in the year 2025-26 there is a \$1.3M expenditure reduction approximately equivalent to a 6.3 FTE (full time employees) due to unexpected increase in student enrollment, special education transportation, and the STRS and PERS pension rate increases.

J. Ginsburg asked a clarifying question regarding FTE additional teachers?

C. Elsen confirmed that the additional hires were teachers, due to an increase in student enrollment across the district this year. Enrollment increased as a result of student migration from private to public schools. Additional costs in Special Education transportation were due to the expiration of TUHSD's 10-year contract with First Student via MPTA. A new RFQ with First Student resulted in a 42% increase. Additionally, healthcare rates have increased by 8.2%. Insurance rates rose due to factors such as property liabilities, floods, fires, and other related claims.

Assembly Bill 218 (AB218) opened liability for all public entities in cases of sexual assault. AB218 extends the statute of limitations for civil lawsuits related to childhood sexual assault. As a result, statewide claims have been opened across public schools,

cities, and counties. The district was impacted by a \$1.1M legal settlement payment through insurance. At the time of this report, staff compensation agreements had not yet been finalized. Currently, all groups have settled under a two-year agreement: 4% increase in 2025–26 and 3% in 2026–27.

C. Elsen reviewed property tax revenue growth projections, stating that growth has softened by approximately 0.29%, equating to about a quarter of a million dollars. This may require an additional budget reduction to offset the change.

T. Wilks Kornfeld asked a clarifying question regarding efforts to push student enrollment back up.

C. Elsen shared the potential for long-term enrollment trends based on California Public K–12 projections.

B. Levinson added that an article indicated population increases year over year.

C. Elsen clarified that Marin County is somewhat of an outlier and is projecting an enrollment decline, which is already affecting school sites. Tam High School is reducing an Assistant Principal role due to falling below the enrollment threshold, and Redwood is showing similar trends.

The committee discussed anecdotal information regarding past and present enrollment changes, as well as current trends moving forward.

C. Elsen and the committee discussed this summer’s construction scheduled to occur at Redwood High School and Tamalpais High School under Measure B.

C. Elsen also discussed the potential financial impact of the new administration's policies. Areas of concern that may affect the district include the universal meal model and Special Education funding under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). A loss in federal funding for adult education would significantly impact migrant and immigrant families, as approximately half of this funding comes from federal grants.

J. Ginsburg asked clarifying questions about whether the district is affected by the Education County lawsuit.

C. Elsen explained that while the district is not directly involved, the county is addressing it. The district will continue to monitor the situation and assess how the state responds. The Governor’s budget proposal is expected next week and will provide further information.

T. Wilks Kornfeld asked what percentage of the student population receives universal meals.

C. Elsen explained that the universal meals program serves at least one-third of the student population, averaging 1,600 meals per day. Previously, under the free and reduced lunch model, only 3–4% of students received lunch. This represents an increase of approximately 1,300 additional lunches served daily.

The committee discussed the positive impact of universal meals for all families, including the reduction of stigma previously associated with free and reduced lunch.

C. Elsen shared that the Parcel Tax revenue estimate for next year has increased by 2.9%, just under 3%. The projected Parcel Tax revenue for 2024–25 is \$17.8 million, an increase from 2023–24.

The committee discussed how districts across the county are actively responding to community voters and how best to engage the public during election cycles, especially when measures appear on the ballot.

C. Elsen shared that Measure M (Parcel Tax) will expire at the end of the 2028–29 school year. He discussed the possibility of targeting the 2026 voting cycle to submit a Measure M extension. Conversations with the Board of Trustees have begun, with encouragement to consider placing the Measure M extension on the 2026 ballot. Due to current election cycle trends, there is no guarantee that measures will pass. Submitting an extension earlier would provide time to resubmit, if needed, before the current measure expires. The proposed measure would not impose a new tax but extend the existing Parcel Tax to continue beyond the 2028–29 school year. Current voting trends indicate that financial hardship and tax fatigue are significant concerns for families.

The committee discussed best practices for keeping the community informed and how to present information effectively to today’s population. The district has received a positive response to social media content, with community and student engagement tripling. The committee encouraged gathering input from students on social media content and leveraging their expertise.

2.3) Discuss and schedule future PTCOC meeting dates

- Proposed dates (all meetings on Wednesdays from 8:30-10:30am):
 - Confirmed: October 1st, 2025: Approve 2024-25 Annual Report; PTCOC Officer election
 - Proposed:
 - April 1st, 2026: Review 2nd Interim Budget Report
 - October 7th, 2026: Approve 2025-26 Annual Report; PTCOC Officer election
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C. Elsen reviewed future PTCOC meeting dates for 2026. PTCOC members reviewed calendars and approved future calendar dates. Meeting invites for calendar reminders to be sent for hybrid meetings in person and zoom option.

2.4) Update on Measure B and Next Steps

- Measure B Website: <https://tuhsdfacilities.org/>

C. Elsen discussed Measure B construction projects scheduled for this summer at Tam High and Redwood. Archie will follow up.

J. Ginsburg asked a clarifying question regarding ADA work under Measure B compared to Measure A.

C. Elsen clarified that all ADA-related work is being addressed. Bids for the projects have been released, and two of the major projects are coming in slightly under budget.

C. Elsen also discussed possible next steps, including a Parcel Tax election in 2026 to support continued strong programming, and the potential for a smaller second bond in 2028 to address \$144 million in currently unfunded facility needs.

The committee discussed the Facilities Oversight Committee for the bond, which will support community outreach to keep the public informed. They emphasized the importance of showcasing each step of progress and success in the construction projects.

Questions on facilities, no questions

2.5) Review term cycles

- [Parcel Tax COC Bylaws](#)

C. Elsen discussed term cycles for all members as their three year terms have come to an end and offered extension of terms to all members if they wish to continue. All following members are happy to continue and renew a new term cycle.

3.0 Informational Items

3.1) Review PTCOC Communications protocols

- PTCOC Website:
<https://www.tamdistrict.org/administration/business-operations/parcel-tax-citizens-oversight-committee>
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C. Elsen noted our PTCOC Website for any person from the public who wishes to review and inform themselves about the committee.

3.2) Approve Minutes of the October 2nd, 2024 PTCOC Meeting

- See link to 'agenda materials' at the top of this page for [draft Minutes](#)

C. Elsen shared minutes for the October 2, 2024 PTCOC meeting.

No further questions or comments were made.

Motion to approve by: Bill Levinson

Seconded by: Tammy Wilks Kornfeld

Voting: Unanimously approved

4.0 Future Agenda Items

PTCOC members discussed the upcoming meeting scheduled for the fall. C. Elsen shared that the Board of Trustees will review the unaudited actuals in the fall, after which PTCOC members will be able to review those figures along with the position control breakdown.

The committee also discussed the potential financial and logistical impacts of declining enrollment, as well as the implications for Measure M funding. While financial projections indicate more funding per student with lower overall enrollment, additional changes will need to be considered. These may include offering fewer course sections or exploring the possibility of in-person asynchronous learning across school sites.

All members emphasized the importance of the district's broad, inclusive, and comprehensive high school offerings. They noted that the district currently provides

strong athletic and arts programs, high academic rigor, and essential intervention services, key components of its educational model.

5.0 Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

At this time members of the public may address the PTCOC on any items, not on the agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the PTCOC. Speakers are requested to limit their remarks to no more than three minutes.

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There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

6.0 Next Meeting

Date: October 1st, 2025 from 8:30-10:30 am in the Kreps Conference Center
(or Zoom as needed) to review draft 2024-25 annual report for Measure M

The next PTCOC meeting is scheduled for October 1st, 2025 where newly appointed Superintendent Dr. Goode will stop by to meet the committee.

7.0 Adjournment

The PTCOC meeting adjourned at 9:43am.

The Tamalpais Union High School District Parcel Tax Oversight Committee meetings are open to the public.

The public is encouraged to attend.

For more information or any ADA accessibility needs, please call Alejandra Vazquez , Administrative Assistant, at 415-945-1037