



CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Conejo Valley High School (CVUSD Board Room)
1402 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

MINUTES

1. OPENING PROVISIONS

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Call to Order: President Powell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members present: Board President Lisa Powell, Board Vice President Karen Sylvester, Board Clerk Bill Gorback, Board Trustees Lauren Gill and Cindy Goldberg, and Student Board Trustee Finneas Kerns.

Administration present: Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Superintendent; Dr. Victor Hayek, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services; Kenneth Loo, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional and Student Services; and Shauna Ashmore, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Goldberg made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted, seconded by Trustee Gorback. There was no board discussion on this agenda item. **Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Kerns.**

D. Comments – Public (Limited to Special Board Meeting Agenda Items Only)

President Powell announced that there were no public comment requests submitted. The board then convened the Study Session.

2. STUDY SESSION

A. Measure I Update

Dr. Hayek provided an update on Measure I, reviewing the bond’s financial breakdown and highlighting major projects since 2016, noting cost savings from bringing construction management in-house, remaining funds allocated across school sites for upcoming projects, and confirming the district is on track to complete all Measure I expenditures within the next 24-28 months.

Dr. Hayek responded to questions from board members regarding the continued use of the technology allocation through 2037, and President Powell noted that plans are underway to share Measure I information with the community.

B. Potential Future General Obligation Bond Measure Discussion

Mr. Jin Kim from Bank of America Securities presented an overview of general obligation bond options (Proposition 39 and 46), outlining the differences in voter thresholds, accountability requirements, and tax rate limits under Measure I. He also reviewed the district's current bond performance, fiscal stewardship, and low tax rate, and discussed key considerations for a potential future bond, including authorization amount, phasing and timing of bond issues, term length, tax rate assumptions, and assessed valuation growth, with possible election dates in June or November 2026. Mr. Kim also noted AB 195 requirements, which mandate that ballot materials disclose estimated tax rates, total bond repayment amounts, and annual repayment costs to voters.

Mr. Kim responded to questions from board members regarding assessed valuation drivers, potential overlapping tax rates and their stacking effects, clarification that the \$60 maximum tax rate is not additive but applies separately to each bond measure, the relationship between facility quality and property values, the use of the same bond oversight committee for multiple measures, and the common practice of districts pursuing multiple bond measures for different project needs, emphasizing the importance of educating the community when measures overlap.

Dr. Hayek responded to questions from board members regarding the summary of district needs and project timelines based on priority, as well as the potential risks and cost implications of deferring maintenance.

Mr. Jared Boigon from TeamCivX presented a comparison of voter demographics and turnout trends between the 2014 and projected 2026 elections, highlighting an increase in registered voters, a shift toward a Democratic advantage, and greater support from older voters. He also outlined a four-phase bond planning process (Test, Vet, Build, Win) emphasizing early district-led outreach and proposal development, followed by volunteer-led campaign efforts and fundraising, with a ballot resolution deadline of July 6 for the November election.

Mr. Boigon responded to questions from board members regarding the bond planning timeline, district funding responsibilities, citizens' bond committee formation, voter support and feasibility, election timing and favorability, potential ballot overlaps with other local measures, consideration of community attitudes and economic conditions, and estimated costs for the initial planning phases and ballot placement.

3. ACTION

A. Approval of Resolution #25/26-12: Exploring the Feasibility of a Potential Local Facilities General Obligation Bond Measure

Trustee Sylvester made the motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Gorback. Dr. Hayek responded to questions from board members regarding the purpose and scope of a future needs assessment, its timing in relation to a potential bond measure, the types of projects that could be included under a future bond, the resolution's role in community messaging, and the process for future board approvals on a bond measure.

Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Kerns.

B. Review of Proposals for Bond Polling Services, Selection of, and Authorization for District Administration to Enter Into a Contract for Such Services

Dr. Hayek explained that two companies submitted similar proposals for polling services, with the Board to decide between True North, which will present in person, and Godbe Research, which prefers a remote presentation. Dr. Hayek responded to questions from board members regarding cost differences, each company’s experience, potential reference checks with local entities, and comparisons between Godbe’s past work and True North’s more recent regional surveys. Trustee Gorbach made the motion to accept True North’s proposal and authorize district administration to enter into a contract for such services, seconded by Trustee Kerns.

Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Kerns.

C. Review of Proposals for Bond Consulting Services and Authorization for District Administration to Enter Into a Contract for Such Services

Dr. Hayek explained that TeamCivX submitted a proposal to support the district and board with planning next steps and to serve as a liaison throughout the bond consulting process. Dr. Hayek responded to a board member’s questions regarding the potential overlap in services with the fall polling effort and how the proposed structure differs from the 2014 model when polling services were subcontracted. Trustee Goldberg made the motion to enter into a contract with TeamCivX, seconded by Trustee Kerns.

Motion carried: 5-0, with a preferential “yes” vote from Trustee Kerns.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment

President Powell adjourned the Study Session at 10:55 a.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – Closed Session; 6:00 p.m. - Open Session, at Conejo Valley High School in the CVUSD Board Room, 1402 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks.

October 22, 2025

Date



Board Clerk

October 22, 2025

Date



Superintendent

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