



MINUTES
ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Measure S
Citizens' Oversight Committee
Orange Unified School District
(Conference Room B)
1401 N. Handy St., Orange, CA 92867
5:00p.m.
March 4, 2025
Meeting No. 30

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Diana Fascenelli called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 ESTABLISHED QUORUM

Present: Diana Fascenelli, Dan Slater, Patricia Buttress, Mrunal Shah, Bill Utter

Not Present: NA

Staff Present: Michael Christensen, Sulema Holguin, Isela Vazquez, Meghna Bulsara, Rory Lorenzo

Staff Not Present: NA

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action

Member Mrunal Shah motioned to accept the agenda for March 4, 2025. Second by Member Patricia Buttress.

Motion Passed: 5-0-0

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action

Member Patricia Buttress motioned to accept the minutes from October 23, 2024. Second by Member Dan Slater.

Motion Passed: 5-0-0

7.0 PROPOSED CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2025

Action

- *March 4, 2025 at 5:00pm (District Office)*
- ~~*August 27, 2025 at 5:00pm (Location TBD)*~~
- *October 22, 2025 at 5:00pm (Location TBD)*

After brainstorming and discussion of the amount of meetings that are held in a year, the Committee decided not to hold the August 27, 2025. It was decided to hold the October 22, 2025, meeting at Canyon High School to see the completed Administration Building.

Member Patricia Buttress motioned to cancel the August 27, 2025 meeting and hold the October 22, 2025, meeting at Canyon High School. Second by Member Bill Utter.

Motion Passed: 5-0-0

8.0 NEW STAFF INTRODUCTION Information

Mr. Michael Christensen introduced himself as the new interim Superintendent as the search for a permanent Superintendent continues. He thanked the Members for their time and support with the Committee and the Measure S Bond projects.

9.0 MEASURE S BOND AUDIT 2023-2024 – Presented by Jessica Berry, Nigro & Nigro Information

Jessica Berry from Nigro and Nigro presented the Measure S Bond Audit Report for Orange Unified School District for the 2023-2024 school year.

Ms. Berry stated \$30.1 million in bond fund invoices were tested. Ms. Berry stated that in their opinion, the District complied with the compliance requirements for the Measure “S” General Obligation Bond proceeds listed and tested.

Diana Fascenelli inquired about litigation and the steel at two of the sites. Sulema Holguin stated the settlement has not been finalized and Ms. Berry stated that when it is solidified it would be accounted for in the appropriate audit. Mrunal Shah clarified that they would like whatever information is public regarding the litigation for the two sites and possible funds coming to the District.

10.0 MEASURE S UPDATE PRESENTATION Information

Ms. Isela Vazquez provided an update on the Measure S construction progress.

Isela Vazquez stated that the Canyon High School Measure S Phase II had been 100% completed and closed out.

Isela also stated that El Modena High School was in its Phase 3 which included the demolition phase of the internal areas of Buildings 200 & 300 with an estimated completion date of all Phase II projects to be the 2nd Quarter of 2025. Isela also provided information on the close out of Buildings 400 & 500 which included sod installation, network cabling and the installation of one elevator. Dan Slater inquired about the front of the school and the chain link fence. Isela stated that the front of the school would be updated at the next phase after direction from the Board is determined.

Isela continued to state that Orange High School is in its closeout phase with a final completion target month of April 2025. She explained a couple items were still pending including some concrete work on the outside of the new Administration Building as well as some walkways.

Isela finalized with the Villa Park High School update which included the completion of the new Building 500 which includes several classrooms. Isela also mentioned that upgrades to the Building 100/200 include new stairs, demolition of an old lift and addition of a new elevator.

Meghna Bulsara provided the Financial Report for January 2025 which was the most current report.

Diana Fascenelli inquired about excess funds. Sulema Holguin provided a summary from a Board of Education presentation (from January 2025) showing that \$15,691,081 of interest had been earned up to November 2024. Sulema stated that the principal funds must be spent on each specific school, but the interest could be spent on other sites that needed it more, they would just need to be re-allocated, possibly in Phase III upgrades. The interest is not specific to the school site for which the principal was used. Mrunal Shah inquired about earning arbitrage on Bond proceeds. Sulema indicated she would follow up with Bond counsel. Mr. Bill Utter inquired how much longer it would take for Phase III to be completed. Mr. Christensen stated he was unsure, but the accrued interest would allow more flexibility in how the funds could be used and benefit high schools that needed more upgrades. Mr. Christensen also stated a study regarding what program sites would need also would impact the construction times. He also stated the Board wants to continue moving forward with these

projects to finish up the Bond and avoid rising construction costs.

11.0	UPDATE ON COC MEMBER SEARCH	Information
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Diana Fascenelli provided an update on the vacant position for Parent-Teacher Organization Representative (previously Nicol Jones who resigned in August 2024) and Representative At Large (previously Bill Campbell who resigned in January 2025). She stated that website and social media postings had been made public after the vacancies had opened. Isela stated some applications had been received. Diana stated the District would continue to accept applications and take to Board the candidates that were chosen at a future Board meeting.

12.0	AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING	Discussion
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Mrunal Shah requested any public information regarding litigation for Villa Park High School and El Modena High School. Diana Fascenelli would like information regarding County investments.

13.0	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by Chair Fascenelli at 5:49pm.

NEXT COC MEETING DATE

Wednesday October 22, 2025 at Canyon High School