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## 2nd Quarter-Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 4:00 PM  
OSSC 2111 Wardrobe Ave. Merced, CA 95340  
Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Quorum established  
Rick Wendling called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

### **Roll Call:** Committee Members Present

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|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|
| President, Rick Wendling       | Present       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term | Expires 2026 |
| Vice President, Caroline Meraz | Present, Zoom | 1st Term             | Expires 2027 |
| Audrea Tuhn                    | Present       | 1st Term             | Expires 2027 |
| Atenceia Maria                 | Present       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term | Expires 2026 |
| Helen Tang                     |               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term | Expires 2026 |
| Erin Lodwick                   | Present, Zoom | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term | Expires 2026 |
| Janette McAuley                |               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term | Expires 2026 |
| Ron Radney                     | Present       | 1st Term             | Expires 2027 |

### District Representatives:

Julianna Stocking, Superintendent (Zoom). Francisco Romo, Deputy Superintendent. Tamara Ferrario, Human Resources Executive Officer. Linda Parker, Chief Business Officer (Zoom). Bryan Behn, Facilities Director. Julio Rodriguez-Rivera, Account Technician. Holly Alcorn, Department Secretary.

### **Flag Salute:** Rick Wendling

2. **Public Comments:**

Pam Rusos, Chair of the San Joaquin Valley, California Medical Society, Physician, Parent, and local community member, presented data reporting the lack of district-wide facilities improvements to address improved ventilation and air filtration with the 2024 Long Range Facilities Master Plan. Ms. Rusos asked the committee to consider utilizing Measure O funds to incorporate ways to decrease respiratory illness in our schools. An informational report compiled by Ms. Rusos was given to the Facilities Department Secretary. [Report Provided part 1](#), [part 2](#)

3. **Approval of Minutes from previous meeting:**  
Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 15, 2025

Moved by: Ron Radney

Seconded by: Caroline Meraz

**Motion Carries**

4. **Reports**



Item 4-A

**Current Projects**

Director Bryan Behn reported on the current projects, including Franklin Phase 3, Community Day School (CDS) Project, Fremont, Hoover, and Muir Fencing Projects. Franklin Phase 3 is currently in the construction process, with the most recent updates including Wing One buildings set on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Wing Two had the foundation and slab poured in September, with buildings to be set on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Additional amenities and budget were presented. Tenaya Sports Field is currently in the planning review phase. Project cost estimate, project inclusions, add alternates, and current status presented. Fencing Projects are currently in the plan review stage. Information was presented detailing inclusions, add alternates, budget for each site, and current planning status. CDS Project is currently in the final design phase. Project estimated budget, inclusions, and current design phase status shared.

*Comments/Questions:*

- President Rick Wendling asked about the location of CDS.
  - Director Bryan Behn and Superintendent Julianna Stocking explained where CDS project will move to once the project is complete.
- Atencia Maria asked how persons are awarded a bid for a project with MCSD.
  - Director Bryan Behn explained the bidding process for projects with MCSD.
- Audrea Tuhn asked if there are plans for MOUs or contracts with Merced City for the use of Tenaya's Sports Fields upon completion.
  - Director Bryan Behn spoke to the question presented.

Item 4-B

**Upcoming Projects**

Director Bryan Behn reported on the upcoming projects. The Peterson Modernization Project was presented, including the current planning stage, and the identified needs for improvement were highlighted. The estimated budget is \$9 million. The Stowell Modernization Project, including the planning status and site needs, was presented. The estimated budget is \$12 million. The Rivera Elementary Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) Project was reported on, highlighting current status and identifying site improvement needs. The project's estimated budget is \$3.5 million.

*Comments/Questions:*

- Ron Radney asked for clarification on air quality standards in relation to the information presented to the committee during Public Comment by community member, Pam Rusos.
  - Director Bryan Behn explained the air quality monitoring process MCSD currently has in place and stated that the district is within the approved range.
- Director Bryan Behn thanked the MCSD Executive Team for listening to the necessity to 'Do it now' when asking for support with project needs.
- Director Bryan Behn stated that the picture included in the slide show for Rivera Elementary MPR was not the correct site photo.

Item 4-C

**Fiscal Report - Measure M**



Account Technician 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 9/25/25) the amount of funds spent is \$54,307,571.74.

Item 4-D

**Fiscal Report - Measure O**

Account Technician Julio Rodriguez-Rivera presented the Measure O Summary Expenditure Report. The report showed that (to date 9/25/25) the amount of funds spent is \$4,969.00.

**Fiscal Report – Bond Measures Budget Report**

Account Technician Julio Rodriguez-Rivera presented an additional report showing Measure M and Measure O Bond Balances versus the actual balance based on current activity for both.

*Comments/Questions:*

- Ron Radney asked if the Bond Measure Reports can include a breakdown and minor detail summary of each year since the Bond began.
  - Julio Rodriguez-Rivera stated that this detail can be added for the next meeting.

Item 4-E

**Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee roster update**

Director Bryan Behn explained that committee member Brianne Callister is now employed by MCSD, which makes her ineligible to serve on the CBOC. We are searching for a replacement, and applications have been shared with some of our school sites. Once a replacement has been found, the removal of Brianne Callister will need to be official at the following meeting. The new proposed member will need to be approved.

*Comments/Questions:*

- Caroline Meraz asked what classification of member is needed for replacement.
  - Director Bryan Behn confirmed that all classifications are currently met. We are trying to find a member who represents one of the communities near the TMS, Stowell, Gracey, Reyes, Franklin, or Stefani school sites, as we do not have a current representative from those areas.

Item 4-F

**Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee report to the Board of Education**

Director Bryan Behn explained that one of the roles of the CBOC is to put together an annual report to be presented to the Board at the end of each Fiscal year in June. Examples of reports presented in past years, before COVID, were shared with the committee. At the next meeting held In December, it will be decided upon who will serve on a sub-committee to work with the Department Secretary to put together the report and present it to the Board in June.

5.

**Comments**

6.

**Adjourn**

President Rick Wendling adjourned the meeting at 5:04 PM