



MINUTES
ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure S
Citizens' Oversight Committee

Canyon High School
New Admin Building - Room 114
220 S. Imperial Highway, Anaheim, CA 92807

5:00p.m.
October 22, 2025
Meeting No. 31

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Diana Fascenelli called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 ESTABLISHED QUORUM

Present: Diana Fascenelli, Patricia Buttress, Mrunal Shah, Bill Utter, Nicol Jones, Kimberly Buchan

Not Present: Dan Slater

Staff Present: Dr. Rachel Monarrez, Sulema Holguin, Isela Vazquez, Meghna Bulsara, Jonathan McCormick

Staff Not Present: NA

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action

Member Patricia Buttress motioned to accept the agenda for October 22, 2025. Second by Member Bill Utter.

Motion Passed: 6-1-0

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action

Member Patricia Buttress motioned to accept the minutes from March 4, 2025. Second by Member Bill Utter.

Motion Passed: 6-1-0

7.0 PROPOSED CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2026

Action

- *February 18, 2026 at 5:00pm (District Office)*
- *October 21, 2026 at 5:00pm (District Office)*

The members discussed adding one more meeting on May 27, 2026 for a total of three (3) meetings for the next year.

The members approved to hold COC meetings on: February 18, May 27 and October 21, 2026 at the District Office.

Motion Passed: 6-1-0

8.0 NEW STAFF INTRODUCTION

Information

- *Representative at Large – Nicol Jones*

- Ms. Jones introduced herself and explained she was previously in the Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) under a different type of representative, Parent-Teacher Organization Representative.
- *Parent-Teacher Organization Representative – Kimberly Buchan*
 - Ms. Buchan introduced herself and stated she has a 3rd grade student in the District and was part of the Resource Optimization Committee.

9.0 NEW STAFF INTRODUCTION

Information

Dr. Rachel Monarrez introduced herself as the new Superintendent of Schools, shared her experience, and thanked the members for their time with the bond.

Jonathan McCormick also introduced himself as the Financial Manager of Construction Projects.

10.0 MEASURE S UPDATE PRESENTATION

Information

Ms. Isela Vazquez provided an update on the Measure S construction progress for Phase II and the upcoming Phase III.

Ms. Vazquez stated that the El Modena High School Phase II is in its closeout status after the modernization of Buildings 200, 300, 400, 500 and 800 was completed. Due to increased costs during Phase II the de-scope of the Administration Building would move to Phase III.

Ms. Vazquez continued and discussed the status for Villa Park High School for Phase II which included the installation of two skylights during the Thanksgiving Break at the new classroom building and future construction which would include the rust repair of columns at Building 100/200.

Ms. Buttress inquired about the HVAC in the gyms. Ms. Vazquez stated that the HVAC was part of other funding, not Measure S.

Ms. Jones and Ms. Buchan both inquired about the security fencing for El Modena High School and Villa Park High School. Ms. Vazquez stated that security fencing would be part of Measure S Phase III and that current designs were being provided by the Architects and the next steps would include concept development and discussion with the schools.

Ms. Shah inquired if all schools would be receiving funds for Phase III construction. Ms. Vazquez stated, yes, the intention was for all schools to benefit from the extra money during Phase III and plans were being developed with the Architects, with Board approval.

Jonathan McCormick presented the financial report for the members.

Ms. Jones inquired if the interest gained from the bond money would stay with each school or be distributed to others. Ms. Fascenelli stated it can be used for other schools and does not need to stay with the school that gained it.

Ms. Jones inquired what the plan was on how to distribute the interest funds. Ms. Holguin stated that since the money could be used in different ways for any of the sites, the needs would have to be assessed thoroughly.

Ms. Jones pointed out that a selling point to the public in order to pass the bond was to keep the funds distributed evenly. Ms. Holguin stated that the removal of portables was also going to be taken into consideration.

11.0 MEMBER REQUESTS

Discussion

- *District Staff Update on Bond Project Pending Litigation*
 - Ms. Holguin stated that the District has not paid any legal fees through Measure S money.

- *Status of Compliance Regarding Arbitrage & Conclusions of Potential Rebates*
 - *Ms. Holguin stated she clarified with counsel that any proceeds would go back to Capital Facilities not the Bond. Ms. Holguin also discussed that subcontractors were not paid by the general contractor and the District is still going through mediation and Article 25 hearings for El Modena High School's settlement.*
-

12.0 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Discussion

Ms. Jones suggested that the Measure S webpage be updated as there were items not current.

Ms. Fascenelli inquired about the next bond audit coming up and if the auditors could give her a call. Ms. Bulsara advised that it would be tentatively presented around January 2026.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Fascenelli at 5:38pm.

NEXT COC MEETING DATE

Wednesday February 18, 2026 at District Office