



Redlands Unified School District
Measure D Citizens' Oversight Committee
Minutes

District Office Conference Room
20 W. Lugonia Ave., Redlands, CA 92374
October 16, 2025

I. Opening – Vice Chairperson, Jennifer Moore, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

A. Approval of Revised Agenda

On motion of Jessi Mielke, second by John Nichols, and unanimously carried, the revised agenda was approved.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Jennifer Moore, Scott Greenwood, Scott Peters, Tammy White, Ken Hunter, Jessi Mielke, John Nichols, Nicole Orr, Ilene Guerrero

Staff Present: Ken Morse, Kirtan Shah, Michelle Cole, Becky Teel

Guests: Rob Anslow, Attorney (AALRR); Michael Stephens and Scott Griffith, SGH Architects

D. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the organizational meeting of May 29, 2025, were approved as presented.

II. Public Participation

A. Community Input – none

III. Presentations

A. Introduction of SGH Architects - Design Team for the Middle School Safety Projects

Michael Stephens and Scott Griffith of SGH Architects presented an overview of current Measure D safety and modernization projects. SGH is coordinating with IMEG Engineers on five active projects, incorporating security consultants to strengthen campus safety and reduce classroom disruption during construction.

They reported that projects are progressing on schedule and currently under budget. SGH is collaborating with Tilden-Coil Constructors, Redlands Unified School District's construction management team, to maximize cost efficiency and value.

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B. Clarification of Citizen's Oversight Committee Procedures and Roles

Attorney Rob Anslow (AALRR) reviewed the Citizens' Oversight Committee's statutory role under Propositions 39 - to review expenditures and confirm they align with the Measure D project list approved by voters.

Discussion included:

- Committee independence and potential conflicts of interest.
- Brown Act requirements for open meetings and communications.
- Clarification that bond counsel represents the District but provides procedural guidance to the committee.

Mr. Anslow noted that hiring independent legal counsel would require Governing Board approval. He will provide Brown Act and conflict-of-interest reference materials to members.

Jennifer Moore requested that project status (ongoing or complete) be included in reports. Scott Greenwood and Jessi Mielke requested that change orders be noted for each project as well. Members discussed how the committee's annual report and findings would be presented to the Board of Education and the possibility of future school site visits.

Ken Hunter repeatedly expressed concerns regarding transparency and the committee's independence from the District. His comments were noted for the record.

C. Project Update – Ken Morse, Facilities Coordinator, presented an update on current and completed Measure D projects and expenditures. Highlights included:

- Middle School Safety Projects: \$48 million budgeted; \$8 million allocated for a mainframe backup system.
- Roofing Program: Sites complete or in progress were referenced; Expenditures through October 10, 2025 are \$15,130,112
- Beattie Middle School: Asphalt and playground improvements complete.
- Mentone Elementary: Shade structure installation (approx. 20'x30') underway; 15-year expected lifespan.
- Orangewood High School: Restroom modernization required for DSA compliance.
- REV Café HVAC: Completed.
- REV Pool: Structural and plumbing upgrades in progress; completion anticipated Feb–Mar 2026.

Kirtan Shah, Fiscal Director, summarized the payment and accounting process.

Attorney Anslow explained the cost of issuance and reimbursement process, noting approximately \$219,000 in issuance costs and legal fees deducted from the initial \$100 million bond sale. He clarified that bonds are issued in series to meet federal spending timelines.

Mr. Morse confirmed that the Measure D language includes District Office and Service Center projects as allowable capital expenditures. Proposition 39 provides the legal framework for such bonds but does not limit them to student-occupied facilities.

He also shared:

- The District Facilities Master Plan will be published next month and will guide the next phase of projects.
- The community survey gathered input from parents, staff, students, and the public.
- Crafton Elementary will connect to the city sewer system due to septic access limitations.

IV. For the Good of the Order/Member Comments

Ken Hunter requested additional meetings, earlier release of presentation materials, and reiterated his concern about committee independence and transparency.
Jennifer Moore asked that agenda requests be directed through the Committee Chair for consideration.
John Nichols inquired about how concerns regarding expenditures should be raised. Attorney Anslow advised that such matters should first be addressed through the Chairperson and, if needed, presented to the Board of Education.

A request was made by Kenneth Hunter to add his letter to the Citizens' Oversight webpage. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Members expressed appreciation for ongoing projects benefiting students while emphasizing the importance of continued fiscal oversight and adherence to Measure D requirements.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Attest:


Vice Chair

Adopted:

February 19, 2026