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Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC)
of the Cajon Valley Union School District

Minutes
Adopted

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee was called to order by Kevin Borum on December 3, 2025, at 3:37 p.m. in Professional Development Room 3.

Members Present: Kevin Borum, Felicia Ferrell, James Sly, Edith Hernandez, and Mark Lademora. Apologies: Shaun Gabriels.

District Staff: Scott Buxbaum, Richard DeJarnett, Sharon Dobbins, Jon Guertin, Vickie Hayman, John Heredia, Lisa Krueger, and Joshua Lunn.

WELCOME, ROLL CALL

Kevin called the meeting to order and welcomed all, hoping that everyone had a nice Thanksgiving holiday and thanking them for their attendance at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on September 3, 2025, were approved on a motion made by Felicia, seconded by Edith and carried 5-0.

CURRENT MEMBER VACANCY

Sharon introduced new COC member, Mark Lademora, parent of a student at Chase Elementary, and he was welcomed by all as introductions were made by current COC members and District staff.

Sharon also shared that there is still one vacancy on the oversight committee, which must be filled by a member of a senior citizen's organization. Those interested can find the vacancy notice and application on the District's website or by contacting Sharon at dobbinss@cajonvalley.net.

MEASURE EE BUDGET UPDATE & REVIEW

Sharon reviewed the Measure EE budget and expenditure reports dated November 30, 2025. $13 million has been issued to date. This $20 million classroom technology bond program was authorized by voters in 2016 and was progressing as planned until spending declined significantly in 2020/21 following the receipt of federal COVID stimulus funds. Those funds were used, in part, to purchase classroom technology devices such as student Chromebooks. With stimulus funds no longer available, Measure EE spending has now returned to the originally anticipated levels. The fund balance as of November 30, 2025 is $2,934,447.74. The remaining $7 million in authorized bonds is expected to be issued in 2026 and will support classroom technology expenditures through approximately 2028.

Jon [Guertin] shared that some projectors in classrooms have been replaced, and Chromebook costs continue to increase due to the increasing costs of the components. The District is working on procurement options for Chromebooks for the 2026/2027 school year.

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Sharon shared the draft annual report and requested comments and suggestions. Sharon noted the 2025 project highlights, reminding members that the bond project savings were used to add relocatable classroom

buildings for expanded transitional kindergarten and overall growth in enrollment. The financial information on pages 6 and 7 reflect an overview over the life of the bond. She reviewed the construction bond and technology bond expenditures with the caveat that the bond audit report for period ending 6/30/2025 has not yet been completed.

Edith asked if there was a deadline to report to the community. Sharon responded that there is not a specific deadline, and that we would not want to finalize and release the report until the independent financial and performance audits are completed, which is expected in early March.

John [Heredia] suggested updating the photo of the new relocatable classrooms at Magnolia Elementary School on page 2, noting that additional work has been completed that would better reflect the finished project.

Sharon pointed out that, since the construction bond program (Measure C) has now successfully closed, next year's annual report will only reflect the Technology Bond (Measure EE).

Edith asked whether EJE Academy Charter Schools (EJE) is included in the bond program. Sharon explained that it was not included in the District's current bond measures, but it will likely be included in future bond measures. EJE did recently receive state funding for both new construction and modernization, and is included in the District's deferred maintenance plan.

DISCUSSION / OTHER

Scott spoke about the District's facility needs and the possibility of future bond measures based on school facility improvement districts (SFID).

Scott shared that the team is conducting board workshops to review the facility needs, SFIDs and potential bond measures.

Sharon added that many of the schools are currently, or will soon become, eligible to receive state-matching funds for modernization. A local funding match is required to access these state funds.

Kevin expressed his appreciation to district staff for thinking outside the box to obtain the funding needed to support the needed upgrades to our schools.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next Citizen's Oversight Committee meeting is in person on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 3:30pm in Professional Development Room 2 at the Cajon Valley Union School District office. Further information will be sent via email closer to the meeting date.