

**CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Landau Elementary School
30310 Landau Blvd.
Cathedral City, CA 92234

October 6, 2025 – 5:00 pm

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Member Fenton.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Fenton led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL (Establishment of a Quorum)**

The Roll Call was conducted at 5:01 pm and a quorum was established by Member Fenton.

Members present: Scott Fenton (Chair)
 Helene Kalfuss (Co-chair)
 Kevin Andrews
 Richard Clapp
 Ronda Henry
 Todd Rosenthal

District staff present: Jeff Simmons, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
 Julie Arthur, Executive Director, Facilities Planning Development
 Kristina Murphy, Senior Administrative Assistant, Business Services

Public present: None

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (solicited online and in writing 72 hours prior to the meeting)**

None.

5. **Tour Landau Elementary Modernization Bond Project**

The committee toured the modernization project work at Landau Elementary led by Julie Arthur. The committee walked through the newly renovated areas on campus.

6. **Project Discussion and Updates**

Comments regarding the tour:

The committee thanked district admin for the tour and congratulated Julie on success of the project.

Julie gave details on the different phases of construction and logistics related to the project. The design allows for additional program implementation (art, music, band) as well as a wellness center, counseling office and indoor PE classrooms.

Current bond projects are listed below:

Bubbling Wells Elementary Modernization

The school was built in the early 1990's and is next on the list for complete modernization. The project will be funded with Measure S. Similar to the Sunny Sands ES and Landau ES projects,

we want to go 2 story to recapture some of the playfields. The design work to complete plans and submit to the Division of State Architect for approval will take place during 2025/2026.

Cathedral City High Modernization

The modernization project will upgrade existing classrooms, administration, kitchen, library, and auxiliary buildings. The scope of work is exceptionally large for the high school and was divided into several increments. The first two (2) increments include the central plant replacement, revisions to underground utilities, replacement of classroom lighting and air handlers and roofing replacement where new HVAC is required. The next increment is scheduled to start in Spring of 2025. This scope of the modernization work covers all the classrooms, administration, gym media centers and food service areas. Overall completion of the school modernization is expected by the end of 2027.

Della S. Lindley Elementary Modernization and Design

Construction work started over the 2023 holiday break with the installation of 6 interim classrooms. The first 2 phases of classrooms (12 classrooms) and library are completed. The remaining 9 classrooms, office, MPR and kitchen will be completed over the next 15 months.

James Workman Middle Modernization

The James Workman Middle School modernization project will upgrade existing classrooms, administration, kitchen, library, locker rooms and multi-purpose room. The twelve portable classrooms have been replaced with state-of-the-art new classrooms. Upon completion of the new classrooms, students will rotate in and out as the existing classroom undergo modernization. Currently finishing up 2nd phase. Media center complete. Moving office staff so the office can be done. Next phase will begin at the end of summer 2026. The modernization of the school is scheduled to be completed in July 2027.

Landau Elementary Modernization

The Landau Elementary School modernization will replace all existing classrooms, (portable and metal modulares) with new 2-story classroom buildings, kindergarten area, library and office. The existing multi-purpose building will be renovated to allow for an expanded kitchen area. Temporary classrooms were installed on campus to allow students to move into while the existing classroom modernization work takes place. Construction work started over the 2023 holiday break and all phases of the modernization are expected to be completed in August 2027.

Sunny Sands Elementary Modernization

The project will replace all existing classrooms, (portables and metal modulares) with new 2-story classroom buildings, kindergarten area, library, and office. The existing multi-purpose building will be renovated to allow for an expanded kitchen area. Temporary classrooms have been installed on campus for students to use while the new classrooms are being constructed. The construction schedule is to be completed in September 2027.

Jeff spoke to the committee about Measure S Bond Funds and upcoming projects, (\$465m). We are just beginning to look at future projects. Modification projects are based on the age of the buildings. Some updates are not considered a full modification.

- Bubbling Wells ES Modernization – next in line
- Cathedral City HS finishing up – current project
- Vista del Monte ES
- Cielo Vista Charter
- Mt. San Jacinto HS
- Desert Springs MS
- Rancho Mirage ES

COC recommendations

- Member Andrews – refrigerated water bottle filling stations (CCHS).
- Member Kalfuss – classroom lock down measures (campus wide safety concerns).

Wish List items that may be considered:

- High School pools
- LED lighting in football stadiums
- Turf in football fields
- Middle School gyms
- Play Structures
- MPRs needing updating
- Additional Shade Structures
- Asphalt Repairs
- Security Cameras/Access Control (additional)

7. BOND EXPENDITURE REPORTS REVIEW

The committee reviewed the quarterly expenditure reports provided by the district. Member Clapp appreciates the tours and seeing the projects. Member Kalfuss thanked Julie and appreciates her knowledge.

8. COC Members/Current Terms

Jeff reviewed the current seats that the committee members hold and term ending for each seat. Justin Decker has resigned his seat as Parent of a PSUSD Student and active in PTA/PTO/PTG or Site Council. We are asking current members to direct prospective candidates to our website to complete an application for membership or call the Business Services office.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Fenton asked for a motion to approve the COC Regular Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2025. Member Kalfuss made a motion and Member Henry second. The committee unanimously agreed.

10. SETTING OF THE NEXT MEETING AND LOCATION

Regular meetings are held in the months of February, May and October. The next COC Regular Board meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2026, at 5:00pm with a possible project tour at Cathedral City High School.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Member Fenton asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Kalfuss made a motion and member Henry second. The committee unanimously agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Minutes from this meeting will be approved during the next Regular Meeting on February 9, 2026.



Scott Fenton, Committee Chair
Helene Kalfuss, Committee Co-Chair



Date