



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.
February 18, 2026
Meeting No. 32

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Diana Fascenelli called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 ESTABLISHED QUORUM

Present: Diana Fascenelli, Patricia Buttress, Mrunal Shah, Nicol Jones, Kimberly Buchan, Daniel Slater
Not Present: Bill Utter

Staff Present: Dr. Rachel Monarrez, Yuri Calderon, Ramon Sanchez, Meghna Bulsara, Jonathan McCormick
Staff Not Present: NA

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action

Member Mrunal Shah motioned to accept the agenda for February 18, 2026. Second by Member Nicol Jones.

Motion Passed: 6-1-0-6-0-0-1 (Absent)

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action

Member Patricia Buttress motioned to accept the minutes from October 22, 2025. Second by Member Nicol Jones.

Motion Passed: 6-1-0-6-0-0-1 (Absent)

7.0 NEW STAFF INTRODUCTION

Information

Dr. Rachel Monarrez introduced the new Orange Unified School District *Interim* Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, *Yuri Calderon*, and *Interim* Director of Facilities Development and Planning, *Ramon Sanchez*.

8.0 MEASURE S BOND AUDIT 2024-2025 – Presented by Jeff Nigro, Nigro & Nigro

Information

Diana Fascenelli introduced Mr. Jeff Nigro, from Nigro & Nigro, and stated she had not met with a representative from Nigro & Nigro. Mr. Nigro stated he was under the impression someone from his firm had met with her, but he would check on it.

Mr. Nigro went over the audit for the Measure S Bond and his firm's findings, which is that the District is in compliance with the requirements for the General Obligation Bond.

Ms. Fascenelli asked why the litigation that the District is in with one of the contractors is not listed. Mr. Nigro stated that since he did not complete the audit, he was unsure but would find out. Mr. Calderon explained that there are funds being withheld as the District continues to go through legal process with the contractor. Ms. Facenelli asked if it could be noted somewhere in the audit as the community knows about the issue with the steel.

**9.0 ADOPTION OF MEASURE S COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024-2025
AND MEASURE S PRESENTATION TO BOARD AND COMMUNITY**

Action

Ms. Fascenelli noted that the report and presentation was different than in previous years and that she was not ready to present to the Board. Ms. Fascenelli would like to revert back to a simplified version of the report as in previous years.

Ms. Shah stated she would like emphasized in the Annual Report that the \$288million was to be evenly distributed at four high schools. She suggested that the "Committee Findings" section referencing the California Constitution Article XII not reference the Section 1 (b)(3) but to reference (a) as that is more applicable for the expenditure review. She also pointed out some minor suggested corrections on the presentation. She also pointed out that the audit mentions there were two vacancies on the COC Board but the annual report shows the vacancies were filled. She would like that revised. She also observed in the Financial Overview slide a typo in the "Remaining Program Balance" line item, Jonathan McCormick stated he would check with the financial department. Ms. Shah would like to add a note that this slide excludes interest.

Ms. Jones stated that the accumulated bond interest would be best to stay per school. Ms. Fascenelli asked if the interest needed to be spent at each school site. Mr. Calderon stated that the District 'match' did not need to be spent at a specific site. Ms. Jones referenced a previous meeting where Ms. Sulema Holguin had stated that she clarified with counsel that any proceeds would go back to "Capital Facilities" not the Bond. Ms. Fascenelli asked if the interest could be split up by school. Ms. Jones stated it was previously reported but it was not now.

Ms. Fascenelli would like to go back to the more simplified version of the documents as she felt it was a bit too much change.

Dr. Monarrez apologized for the "*Promises Made, Promises Kept*" phrase as she mentioned she had previously seen it but it could be removed. She stated the intention was to emphasize to the community what was promised and what promise was kept.

Ms. Buttress thanked Ms. Shah for looking at the details in the report. Ms. Buttress inquired if the item had to be presented to the Board tomorrow, February 19, 2026. Ms. Fascenelli re-iterated that she was not ready to present the report. Mr. Calderon stated that he would pull the board item from the agenda and present it in the future after further discussion.

Mr. Calderon also stated that he had had different experiences in other districts where the reports look different. He also stated that in his experience as a CBO, lawyer in education construction, annual reports are presented in September or October of the fiscal year that closed. Ms. Shah stated this District was unique in that they received quarterly updates and Mr. Calderon stated the report was not in replacement of it. He stated that in his experience doing the report in February was a bit late. He pointed out that the report was phrased to provide background on what has been spent and what is left of interest. He reiterated no official decision had been made on how the bond interest was to be split up yet. He mentioned that it would be up to the Board to decide but the COC and the community were welcome to make a recommendation on what to do. He stated there was no rush to do the presentation and it could be withdrawn. Ms. Fascenelli stated she wanted to go back to the same presentation as last year.

Ms. Jones and the COC members recommended that the interest be broken up for the report per school site to allow the Board to see that. Mr. Calderon pointed out that a building could cost differently in separate schools.

Jonathan McCormick stated that the previous tracking system, *CAAP Analytics*, was owned by the Cumming Group and that the current "Financial Report" and "Transaction Summary" are District software based tables. He further explained that about \$24million were expended during the FY24-25. He explained most of the transactions were made for El Modena and Villa Park High School for Phase II. The COC members were grateful to see the transactions. Jonathan McCormick stated quarterly reports were going to be posted to the website.

Ms. Fascenelli suggested that the District email the presentation for the members to review.

The COC members tabled Item 9 for further review and updates and to be presented to the OUSD Board a different future meeting.

10.0 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Discussion

Ms. Jones advised that the Measure S home page had been updated but not the school specific pages. She suggested they be updated as their reference work from the past not the present.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Fascenelli at 6:14pm.

NEXT COC MEETING DATE

Wednesday May 27, 2026 at District Office