

UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
 CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
 HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 JANUARY 14, 2026

The Regular Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Meeting on January 14, 2026, was called to order by Dr. Perla Hernandez-Trumkul at 6:30 pm, In Person/ZOOM meeting of the District Administration building located at 15959 East Gale Avenue, Hacienda Heights, California 91745.

Members present: Antonio Ruiz, Dr. Perla Hernandez-Trumkul, Berenice De Anda, Raji Venkataraman

Members absent: Jason Hinojosa

Item No. 1	<p><u>AGENDA REVIEW AND RE-ORDER</u></p> <p>Moved by Perla Hernandez-Trumkul and seconded by Raji Venkataraman for Review and Re-order.</p> <p>4 yes 0 No 0 Abstain</p> <p>Review and Re-order <u>None</u></p>
Item No. 2	<p>Request to speak to agenda (Non-Agenda) Items</p> <p><u>None</u></p>
Item No. 3	<p>Moved by Perla Hernandez-Trumkul and seconded by Berenice De Anda for Approval of minutes from previous meeting – October 25, 2025</p> <p>4 yes 0 No 0 Abstain</p> <p>Review and Change <u>None</u></p>
Item No. 4	<p><u>BOND EXPENDITURES</u></p> <p>Blanca: Okay, so we're going to go ahead and take a look at the expenditures and committed information that is part of your packet. As you can see here, between the dates of October 17th and December 4th, we're only looking about a month and a half. So it's not that huge a variant or amount of time in comparison to the last time that we looked at the information, which was 3 1/2 months that had actually passed. So please kind of keep that in mind in regards to the time frame that we have here for expenditures. Again, if we look at the variances, you will be seeing in regards to materials and supplies where we're looking at furniture and other supplies that they actually have increased from \$18.1 million to \$18.9. We also have our other contracted services that we see an increase of \$5.9 million back in October to \$6.2 in December. The other item that has changed as far as the expenditures is the site work and construction from</p>

	<p>\$48 million in October to \$54 million in December. And the architect and engineering fees, which we have discussed in the past, a number of the similar or same architects that we use throughout the programs, just slightly higher from \$5.4 to \$5.5, which is only a difference of \$70,000. And then we also have a few other fees and change orders as well. Again, minimal amount of \$11,000. So as you can see, our expenditures have actually increased from October of \$82 million to \$90 million in December. And just as a reminder, with the committed amount, you do see the committed amount that has actually decreased because as we have shared before, the item is committed when we actually have the contract, when we are in the beginning stages that we're planning and putting encumbering the money. And then once we do receive the invoices and they are paid, they move out of the committed fund or section and then go into the expenditure section. So that's why you're seeing that number decrease there.</p> <p>Antonio: Question.</p> <p>Blanca: Yes.</p> <p>Antonio: And the site work and construction looks like \$6.2 was the variance from October to December. That's about six to seven weeks. Was there a lot of construction work? Kind of averages out to about \$900K – a million per week.</p> <p>Joel: The reason for that, it was just us executing a couple contracts for some bids that we had done.</p> <p>Antonio: Okay.</p> <p>Joel: That's why it jumped so drastically in such a short amount of time.</p> <p>Antonio: Okay.</p> <p>Blanca: And thank you very much, Joel. And sometimes when you do look at those amounts, it doesn't necessarily reflect the amount of work that is actually being done in that time period, but the invoices and expenses that we have incurred and that we're paying out.</p> <p>Antonio: Thank you.</p> <p>Perla: Any further questions? Okay, thank you so much for the update. Yeah. We can move forward with our bond update.</p>
Item No. 5	<p><u>BOND UPDATE</u></p> <p>Joel: So thank you. I'll take over this this portion. And let me kind of explain to the committee that in the past we've shown you presentations. And those presentations are/were given by Cummings, Jessica Morley, who's sitting behind me. And those we've shown you presentations that we have previously shown the Board. We've been kind of recently given different direction. So there hasn't been any new presentations that we've presented</p>

to the Board in the last couple months. So we don't have anything new with respect to our presentation, but I'll kind of go over some of the information and kind of give you some highlights of where we're at and what we've done the last couple months. And then of course, I'll open up to questions and field any questions that you may have. So this actually is a pretty busy time for us. We're just about finished with four different sites, and those are Sierra Vista, Baldwin Elementary, California, and Los Molinos. Essentially, the construction is just about done. We're finishing up some last minute punch minute, excuse me, punch list items and kind of doing some of the contract closeout paperwork type stuff so that we get DSA certification. But essentially, the work is about 98%-99% done. We are still actively under construction at 7 different sites, and those are Valinda, Sparks, Wing Lane, Kwis, Lasalette, Fairgrove, and Grazide. The balance of those, we're at between 60% - 75%, and we're scheduled to have all of those complete in the next, they vary obviously by site, but in the next, I think it's between two and four months, we should be substantially complete with all of those sites. Which will only leave us a couple sites still to address. And those are Sparks Middle School. And I believe we talked about it last time. We actually did renovations to Sparks Middle School and completed those about a year and a half. After we completed those renovations, we went through the reconfiguration. And as a result of that reconfiguration, that site saw an uptick in enrollment. I think, Jessica, do you remember, recall how many classrooms we renovated the first time around? Was it 16? So we had finished those 16 renovations. After the reconfiguration, we went back and looked at it and had conversations with the Principal and Staff internally, and it looks like they're probably going to be need about another 9 to 12 because of the enrollment boost with that reconfiguration. So we do kind of have to start all over. We've procured an architect. That architect is starting to go in and do some of their investigative work. And from them, you know, that will take a few months. We'll have to go back to DSA and then bid and get under construction. So that's kind of where we're at with Sparks. We're also looking to, and again, I believe we mentioned it, address Valley Alternative High School. Valley Alternative is going to get the same, what we're calling as bond refresh, as we have already executed with the other high schools. Unfortunately, the decision was made a few years ago because of the size of the high schools. And because of the limitations that we had with the bond, we couldn't do the full-blown, all-out, same renovation at the high schools. So we kind of pared it down a little bit, which again, is what we're going to do with Valley. And that's new flooring, new painting, and a little bit of the technology. And we're going, it looks like at this point in time, we're going to do a similar refresh at Orange Grove School as well, Orange Grove Middle School. With Orange Grove, we'll get new furniture, movable, the movable, kind of the 21st century, same furniture that we've supplied at other sites as well. And of course, we have not yet started Palm, although we've bid and already contracted out for Palm. We have not yet started the construction. We are working with a third party contractor that is going in and doing some of the soil testing. There was some concerns that we received from the community and the Board with respect to the soil from some of our neighbors here in the community. So we've gone through and done a couple different rounds of testing. We've done some remediation. I had a meeting with the vendor this afternoon. There's a couple more areas they

want to do a little bit more testing just to make sure that the numbers that we're getting back are good and accurate, which we'll be doing in the next couple weeks. And as determined by the results of those tests, we may have to remove a little bit of soil, but it doesn't look like it's going to be very much at all. And I would fully expect that we should be under construction at Palm within the next, I'm hoping, maybe four to six weeks. So that's exciting. And if we can get going with Palm in that time frame, we should be ready. We should be complete with construction by summertime. So when the students come back next, by definitely next year, they'll be in the new class or the new school, possibly even by summer school. That I'm not quite sure yet. So that's kind of where we're at with everything. If anyone has any questions, I'd be happy to take them..

Antonio: I have a couple. So by the time we meet in the next quarter, they'll be close to 11 site's almost done?

Joel: That is correct.

Antonio: Okay. And then you talked about Sparks. 9 to 12 classrooms are getting fitted up. That change of scope, there's enough runway in the budget and the bond expenditures to accommodate that?

Joel: Yes, there is.

Antonio: Okay. That's great.

Raji:

I have just a question about Sparks. You mentioned there's an uptick in enrollment based on the evaluations. Were they coming from different schools, or how does that work? Just to understand.

Joel: Yes. I believe Sparks, we brought in students from Lasalette and Sunset.

Blanca: Sixth grade, correct.

Joel: Yeah.

Blanca: It's the sixth grade that was moved from the elementary levels that was actually moved to the middle school.

Antonio: And so the next time we meet, we will have our slides and presentation that we're used to?

Joel: You know what? I don't know. That might be a, that kind of, my understanding was that was a direction from the Board that we were no longer giving those presentations. And I'm looking at Blanca.

Blanca: One of the things that we're going to try to do is we were informed that usually what is presented as far as a presentation to the Board then is

	<p>presented to the CBOC committee. So if there was not per se an official presentation made to the Board, the question was, can we make that presentation to the CBOC committee without the Board having seen that information? So because we're still we're still in the process of receiving clarification, we decided that we would go ahead. It might be easier for us to give you a verbal update in regards to where the projects are at and then definitely for the next meeting whether it is a formal presentation or at least something that is adjusted that is similar so you are able to get those visuals.</p> <p>Antonio: Okay thank you.</p> <p>Berenice: Also for the next meeting can you also just provide us an update for Palm Elementary soil testing just I want to see the numbers on that too.</p> <p>Joel: Sure.</p> <p>Berenice: Thank you.</p> <p>Antonio: The soil testing, the funds for that, is that bond funds or is that district funds?</p> <p>Joel: No, those are not coming from bond funds.</p> <p>Antonio: Okay.</p> <p>Perla: Any more questions?</p> <p>Joel: I'm sorry, I would actually even go a little bit further just to make sure that the community is aware. It wouldn't, not just the testing, but if any remediation would be required, that would not come from bond funds as well.</p> <p>Perla: Is that the school district's work?</p> <p>Joel: It would come from general funds or facilities or some other, some other bucket of money.</p> <p>Perla: I see. Okay, thank you. Don't want to cut anybody off any anymore. Okay, good. Well, anything on your end? Okay, we can move on to site visits discussion.</p>
Item No. 6	<p><u>SITE VISITS</u></p> <p>Joel: Sure. And again, this is me. So we've done site a few throughout my tenure, the last four or five years, we've done kind of a number of different site visits, although I know we have a bunch of some new members here. So it seems to be, and I was talking with Lelia about this. It's been a little difficult, I think, trying to get a group of you all on board for the same day. And obviously we all have work and our other commitments. So in my conversation with her, I thought maybe we'll try and make this a little bit easier. Rather than trying to find a day that fits all your schedules, I think</p>

what I would be willing to do is kind of accommodate you individually if you would like. So my suggestion is, let me put my glasses on, is I can, if we can work it and communicate with Lelia. I would be willing to open up any site that you would like to see, any of the bond sites that you would like to see, or I can make suggestions as well the week from February 2nd through the 6th. And I'd be willing to start as early as 630 if going before work fits your schedule up until we can start at 5-530 in the evening. So I'm kind of wide open. I could make sure, make any, accommodate any of those schedules. If you could please shoot Lelia an e-mail, maybe by Friday, January the 23rd, and kind of let her know what you would like. I can, obviously, unless there's any conflicts between you, I could kind of see what works for your schedule and accommodate you. Unless there's any other suggestions or.

Antonio: Do you have a short list of sites that you want to visit during that week?

Joel: I mean, it could be any of the ones that were under construction and if there's I can make suggestions or if there's any site that for whatever reason you particularly want to see that works for me. I'm kind of at your disposal.

Berenice: Just for clarification, we can still see sites that are still under construction, right? Just to see like the work that's happening.

Joel: Yes

Berenice: Perfect.

Blanca: And then we also have Mr. Raymond James, who's on Zoom right now attending. And he also said that he is available to open sites as well.

Joel: Raymond's always trying to steal my thunder.

Perla: Will you be providing that list in writing to, or Lelia can provide it to us so we can have that?

Joel: Sure.

Perla: That'd be great.

Joel: What I could do is I can have her send out a list of all the sites, well, all the sites, and kind of what phase of construction or completion that we're in. That way you have them and maybe that might help you make your decision.

Perla: Yeah, that will stir something just to remind us of all the schools.

Joel: Yeah absolutely.

	<p>I mean, we, and as far as that's concerned, we can go and visit a site that's been done for 2, 3 years, if you'd like. Absolutely. And then I mean kind of up to you.</p> <p>Perla: Appreciate that.</p> <p>Joel: Sure.</p> <p>Perla: Anything further from the Board committee.</p>
Item No. 7	<p><u>IDENTIFY POINTS OF DISCUSSION FOR UPCOMING MEETING</u></p> <p>Perla: Okay. we'll move forward then to identify points of discussion for the upcoming meeting and that's on us. What are your thoughts, everyone?</p> <p>Antonio: I think the information you provided right now, Joel, is very helpful, understanding the four sites that are almost done, the seven sites that are under construction, and what's still pending. But having some kind of written account, something, even if it's not a board presentation, is helpful as part of our charter to monitor bond projects. So I would ask for the next time, even if the Board hasn't had a presentation that we receive something.</p> <p>Blanca: Yes, we can definitely work on putting that together. And even in today's minutes, what was actually discussed, we'll try to get that information that, you know, normally you get the minutes, the official minutes to approve for the next meeting, but Lelia can work on getting at least that list of what was discussed today. So you have those updates.</p> <p>Antonio: Right. That way we don't have to dig through the transcript.</p> <p>Blanca: Correct. Yes. Thanks.</p> <p>Perla: Any points of discussion that you want to move on the agenda? Okay.</p> <p>Antonio: Just one last question. So it seems like all the construction for the bond expenditures are going to be done by the fall of next of this year, right? 2026.</p> <p>Joel: The one big question is Sparks El.</p> <p>Antonio: Okay.</p> <p>Joel: Going back and addressing those 9 to 12 rooms. The reason I say question is because, obviously, like I said, we're in design right now. Design will take a couple of months. Then it's gotta go to DSA. DSA is kind of the question mark.</p>

Antonio: Okay. It's just more what happens with our committee of all the construction projects are done.

Blanca: And just for clarification, Sparks Middle School.

Joel: Oh, I'm sorry. Sparks Middle.

Blanca: Yes, correct. But in regards to the committee, I know that in previous meetings, there has been discussion in regards to when the bond would conclude, when we would actually be done with the projects. There's been discussion in the past that was October, December, and so forth. But the goal right now is we are working in creating, determining the plan, because unfortunately, sometimes what happens is to know the balance of the bond, we have still that we received invoices and expenditures are coming in. And sometimes the contractors aren't very timely in regards to providing those to us. We sometimes will receive them five, six months later and so forth, right? So we're going to try, as we're getting closer, we're trying to get those in sooner, so we can really determine the balance. And we've already started having discussions in regards to with, if there are the balance of the bond, what to be doing with those amounts. So for example, I know that the fire alarm systems is actually something that is that needs to be upgraded and that is something that is an allowable expense under the bond to upgrade those. And that is something that we're looking at to determine of if that could be done within the timeframe and how many of our school sites are in need of an upgrade.

Berenice: I also have a quick question for Palm Elementary. Is that still like on schedule to be finished by the end of this year, or do we see a further date in mind due to those soil testing?

Joel: We should be done. I would fully anticipate being done by summer.

Berenice: Thank you.

Perla: Okay. So if there's nothing further to add to the next agenda besides these points, I know that there was an interest for the next scheduled meeting to take place in May.

Blanca: My apologies, Dr. Trumkul. For the- No problem. Discussion items, I know in looking at last year's agenda in regards to the audit report for the bond, the last year we actually received that from the auditor in March. So what I would like to do is possibly recommend that, that if we were to move our meeting after the March date, after it gets presented to the board, to be able to look at that audit report for the bond expenditures.

Perla: Absolutely. Let's make sure that's on the agenda.

Blanca: Very good. Thank you.

Item No. 8	<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING</u> May 6, 2026
Item No. 9	<u>ADJOURN</u> Moved by Berenice De Anda and seconded by Raji Venkataraman for Adjournment at 6:58 pm. 4 yes 0 No 0 Abstain