

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

Cathedral City High School
69250 Dinah Shore Drive
Cathedral City, CA 92234

February 9, 2026 – 5:00 pm

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm by Member Kalfuss.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Kalfuss led the pledge of allegiance.

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

The Roll Call was conducted at 5:06 pm and a quorum was established by Member Kalfuss.

Members present: 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
 Kent Hems, Assistant 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. **Cathedral City High School Modernization Bond Project**

The committee toured the newly renovated areas of the modernization project work at Cathedral City High School led by Julie Arthur and Kent Hems.

Comments regarding the tour:

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

6. **Bond Expenditure Reports Review**

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 plans are in DSA and looking for approval late summer 2026. We are in the process of procuring a contractor.

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. 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. We are in the 5th and final phase. Getting moved back into the library and offices. The goal is to wrap up this summer.

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. The modernization of the school is scheduled to be completed in July 2027.

Currently, renovations are underway to interior classrooms. Offices are getting finished and new furniture has been ordered. Move in March.

Landau Elementary Modernization

The Landau Elementary School modernization will replace all existing classrooms, (portable and metal modular buildings) 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. Construction work started over the 2023 holiday break and all phases of the modernization are expected to be completed in August 2027. We moved into 2-story buildings last summer. MPR/kitchen/offices ready for move in this summer. Indoor spaces are now required for PE due to the weather. Nutrition Services occupies temporary classrooms for food service, with the preparation being done in the central kitchen.

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. The construction schedule is to be completed in September 2027. Nutrition Services occupies temporary classrooms for food service, with the preparation being done in the central kitchen

NNC Locker Room Upgrades

Existing locker rooms were gutted and turned into new indoor classroom space.

PSHS locker room and 800-wing

First time that the welding classroom and locker room will have HVAC.

7. BOND EXPENDITURE REPORTS REVIEW

The committee reviewed the quarterly expenditure reports provided by the district.

8. COC Members/Current Terms

We are actively recruiting for the open 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 Kalfuss asked for a motion to approve the COC Regular Meeting Minutes from October 6, 2025. Member Andrews made a motion and Member Clapp 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 May 18, 2026, at 5:00pm with a possible project tour at James Workman MS.

11. Facilities Study Session March 24, 2026, Board of Education Meeting

Jeff spoke to the committee about the Facilities Study Session scheduled for 3/24/26.

We are just beginning to look at future projects. Modification projects are based on the age of the buildings. Let district know of any recommendations for projects prior to the March 24 board meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Minutes from this meeting will be approved during the next Regular Meeting on May 18, 2026.



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



Date