



MINUTES
ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Measure S
Citizens' Oversight Committee
Orange Unified School District
(Conference Room B)
1401 N. Handy St., Orange, CA 92867
5:00p.m.
April 13, 2026
Meeting No. 33

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Diana Fascenelli called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 ESTABLISHED QUORUM

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

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 Patricia Buttress motioned to accept the agenda for April 13, 2026. Second by Member Nicol Jones.
Motion Passed: 6-0-0

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action

Member Patricia Buttress motioned to accept the minutes from February 18, 2026. Second by Member Nicol Jones.
Motion Passed: 6-0-0

7.0 REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MEASURE S COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Action

Mr. Calderon reported that staff removed all marks, comments, and internal titles from the annual report per prior committee direction. The report now includes factual information only, including project lists, work completed to date, work completed during the last fiscal year, and project status updates. An updated presentation was also provided for review.

Ms. Fascenelli moved to review the presentation. Mr. Sanchez noted that no changes had been made to the introductory slides. The committee discussed whether financial data by school site should be included in the Board presentation. Concerns were raised that detailed financial slides could prompt questions beyond the committee's oversight role.

Ms. Jones recommended revising language from "actively review" to "presented to the COC," clarifying that

the committee was presented financial information and given the opportunity to ask questions, but did not independently audit bank statements or invoices.

By consensus, the committee directed staff to:

- Remove per-school financial slides from the Board presentation;
- Remove interest and project summary slides; and
- Remove Phase I and Phase II slides.

Mrs. Monarrez stated that updates had been requested for the Measure S website, including information related to El Modena High School. Ms. Jones noted that portions of the website still reflected information from 2022.

Ms. Fascenelli tabled the annual report discussion in order to review concerns regarding bond interest allocation.

8.0 BOND INTEREST ALLOCATION

Discussion

Ms. Fascenelli summarized concerns previously raised by the committee regarding the original intent of the bond language and equitable distribution of funds among the four comprehensive high schools.

Mr. Calderon explained that all four high schools have facility needs exceeding available Measure S funding. Staff identified priority projects districtwide, including safety and security improvements, single-point-of-entry projects, fencing, fire alarms, HVAC replacement, classroom modernization, restroom facilities, flooding mitigation, and conversion of portable classrooms into permanent facilities. He stated that remaining Measure S principal and interest funds would be supplemented, as necessary, with other funding sources including developer fees, deferred maintenance funds, state reimbursements, and other district facility funds.

Mrs. Monarrez stated that certain developer fees are associated with specific attendance areas, including El Modena High School feeder schools.

The committee discussed projected costs associated with district priority projects. Staff reported that district-identified priority projects total approximately \$33.8 million, exceeding remaining Measure S funds by approximately \$8–9 million. Staff further clarified that the district does not currently have sufficient Measure S funding to complete all identified projects and would need to utilize additional district funding sources.

Ms. Jones expressed concern regarding equitable distribution of Measure S interest earnings and referenced prior annual reports that identified interest by school site. She also expressed concern that projects funded with Measure S proceeds remain consistent with voter expectations and bond language.

The committee discussed whether bond interest should be allocated equally among the four comprehensive high schools. Mr. Calderon noted that interest earnings accrue districtwide and are not tracked by individual school sites.

Following discussion, the committee reached consensus to recommend that the approximately \$16 million in bond interest be allocated equally among the four comprehensive high schools, consistent with the committee's interpretation of Measure S guidelines. The committee acknowledged that final authority regarding allocation of funds rests with the Board of Education.

The Chair will draft a letter to the Board of Education within four (4) weeks reflecting the committee's recommendation. The draft letter will be circulated to committee members for review prior to submission.

Returning to the annual report discussion, Ms. Fascenelli noted that pages 9 and 10 listed estimated completion dates of "Winter 2025" for projects that have since been completed. Staff recommended leaving the dates unchanged because the report reflects a snapshot as of June 30, 2025.

Ms. Jones clarified that although she resigned in August 2024, she had been reappointed as of June 30, 2025.

Ms. Jones requested clarification regarding the location of bond interest information within the report and was directed to the financial summary section.

Motion to approve the Annual Report.

All in favor. Motion carried.

9.0 COC VACANCY AND POSTINGS

Information

Ms. Fascenelli acknowledged the resignation of Mr. Bill Utter, effective February 19, 2026.

A vacancy announcement has been published on social media.

Ms. Buttress suggested outreach to the Orange Senior Center, noting that the Director may be able to identify candidates who meet the senior member requirements.

The committee discussed reposting the vacancy if no qualified candidates are identified within the next two months.

10.0 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Discussion

Review draft letter to the Board of Education regarding allocation of Measure S bond interest.

Prepare annual report data for FY 2025–26 in advance of the fall committee meeting and auditor review.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Fascenelli at 6:05 pm.

NEXT COC MEETING DATE

Wednesday May 27, 2026, at District Office