Simi Valley Schools
SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure X – CBOC

CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

SVUSD District Office – Training Center
101 West Cochran Street
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Time: 6:00 pm

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When asked about the structural steel, Ms. Rubenstein stated that the shop drawings are currently under review. Once approved, production is expected to take six to eight weeks. Ms. Hopkins asked about the anticipated completion date and whether this is the final SVHS project funded by the current bond. Ms. Rubenstein confirmed the approximate April 2028 completion date and stated that this is the last project under the bond. She added that the original completion timeline of 2026–2027 was delayed due to the initial DSA submission being submitted incorrectly and a longer-than-expected DSA review period. Ms. Hopkins suggested noting the delay in the 2025–2026 Annual Report. Ms. Nash observed that extended timelines are common in construction, and Mrs. Sherman reminded the committee that the project scope had changed.

Ms. Rubenstein provided background on the project's redesign, explaining that unexpected X-bracing, installed after the 1994 earthquake, was discovered during demolition of the original project. Because this resulted in a change order exceeding the allowable 10 percent threshold, the remodel could not proceed, and DSA required a full rebuild. The District also consolidated the science classroom building into the new MPR to reduce cost and schedule impacts. In addition, an existing building was converted into a new kitchen to maintain service during construction. Mrs. Sherman noted that the new kitchen is a significant improvement and was highlighted in last year's report.

The committee also discussed a substantial change order related to DSA's request for changes requiring columns in grade beams, which increased costs by $2 million. Ms. Rubenstein confirmed that this issue arose during the back check and not the initial review. While Ms. Nash asked whether the project required rebidding, Ms. Rubenstein stated it did not, as the change is part of the contingency.

Ms. Hopkins asked about the possibility of creating a project timelapse for public communication. Ms. Rubenstein responded that one of the District's inspectors regularly takes progress photos and has produced timelapses before. She reaffirmed the approximate April 2028 completion date, including parking lot work. When Ms. Hopkins questioned the duration compared to other projects, Ms. Rubenstein noted that the RHS MPR, originally projected for one year, ultimately required three.

Mr. Angelini asked whether DSA requirements are negotiable or if a state representative could assist. Ms. Rubenstein explained that while DSA allows some negotiation, state regulations require new construction when renovations exceed 50 percent of the cost of a new building. She further stated that there is some negotiation room when dealing with the DSA that has already taken place.

Ms. Hopkins also asked about the cost of revisions required by DSA. Ms. Rubenstein confirmed that redrawing plans resulted in several thousand dollars in additional architectural fees. Mrs. Sherman clarified that the CBOC does not make project decisions and that the BOE hires outside consultants. Ms. Rubenstein added that because the remodel was estimated at approximately $25 million, constructing a new facility for $40 million was more cost-effective. She also explained that relocating Tesla battery power lines would have cost $500,000, therefore the new building had to be repositioned. Mr. Angelini stated that the Chamber of Commerce can be of assistance in such situations, and Mrs. Sherman reminded the committee that school construction must meet specific regulatory requirements.

VII. Discussion Items

a) Communication

Mrs. Sherman reported that she met with Ms. Finch on photos for the District website and community outreach. Ms. Finch shared the recent website updates highlighting the completed Measure X Bond projects.

b) Membership Categories:

SimiValleySchools
SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC)
Measure X

Members	TERMS						DATE		Position Held	REQUIRED CATEGORIES					
	Term #1		Term #2		Term #3		Date Started	Date Ended		Local Business Org.	Senior Citizens Org.	Bona-fied Taxpayers Org.	Parent/ Guardian of Child Enrolled in District	Parent/ Guardian of Child Enrolled in District and Active in PTA or School Site Council	At-Large Community Member
	One (1) Year	Two (2) Year	One (1) Year	Two (2) Year	One (1) Year	Two (2) Year									
Anthony Angelini		X					05/20/25	5/31/2027		X		X			X
Jonathan Bonesteel		X		X			11/21/22	11/30/2026	Vice Chair				X	X	
Larry Borovay		X		X			06/14/22	6/24/26		X	X				
Rebecca Hopkins	X			X		X	08/17/21	9/30/26	Chair				X		
Bethany Lowry		X					05/20/25	5/31/27		X		X	X	X	X
Shannon Nash		X					08/19/25	8/31/27	Secretary		X				X
Ellen Plummer		X					05/20/25	5/31/27					X	X	
Elisse Sherman		X		X			11/15/22	11/30/26	Publicity Chair	X			X	X	X

California Education Code 15282: The Committee shall consist of at least seven (7) members, who shall serve for a minimum term of two years and for no more than three consecutive terms. Committee shall have one member from each of the REQUIRED CATEGORIES

(1) Parent or Guardian of a Child Enrolled in the District
(1) Parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent - teacher organization, such as P.T.A
(1) Active in a business organization representing the business community located in the District
(1) active in a senior citizens' organization
(1) active in a bona-fide taxpayers association
(2) members of the community at large

A majority of the number of Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business

Mr. Angelini shared that he now has a student enrolled at one of our elementary schools, so he now fulfills the category of a parent of a child enrolled in the District, as well as a member of the PTA.

Mr. Borovay shared that he has a grandchild that has recently enrolled at one of our schools as well.

c) Yearly Audit Report

i) 2025 Audit Report – Financial and Performance Audit – Presented at the 1/20/26 BOE Meeting

Ms. Hopkins indicated that she has not yet reviewed the audit and requested that the item remain on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

d) Annual Report

i) 2024-2025 Annual Report – To be presented at the Board Meeting, June 9, 2026

The committee discussed the preparation of the Annual Report for presentation at the June Board of Education meeting. Mr. Bonesteel noted that the report should cover the period

from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Ms. Nash and Mr. Bonesteel volunteered to assist in its preparation. Ms. Hopkins requested that last year's report be shared in Google Docs as a template and asked Ms. Rubenstein to re-send the list of completed projects from the reporting period for inclusion. It was agreed that the report must be completed by May 15, 2025, to allow sufficient time for committee approval prior to the June BOE presentation.

VIII. Action Items

a) Proposed Meeting Date for Next Year:

September 16, 2026; November ~~11~~ 18, 2026; March 17, 2027; May 26, 2027

A motion was made to approve the proposed dates for next year as amended.

Motion: Anthony Angelini Second: Shannon Nash Vote: 5 – Approved/1 Absent (Elisse Sherman) – Motion Passed

IX. New Business

None.

X. Next Meeting

Date: May 27, 2026 **Time:** 6:00 pm **Location:** Simi Valley HS Library

XI. Other Business

a) Regular Board of Education meetings:

April 21, 2026; May 19, 2026; June 9, 2026

b) Dates for Upcoming CBOC meetings:

May 27, 2026

XII. Adjournment

Time 7:11 pm by Rebecca Hopkins

Motion: Shannon Nash Second: Jonathan Bonesteel Vote: 5 – Approved/1 Absent (Elisse Sherman) – Motion Passed

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