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Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC)
of the Cajon Valley Union School District

Minutes
Adopted

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee was called to order by Kevin Borum on March 4, 2026, at 3:42 p.m. in Professional Development Room 1.

Members Present: Kevin Borum, Felicia Ferrell, James Sly, and Edith Hernandez.
Apologies: Shaun Gabriels and Mark Lademora.

District Staff: Scott Buxbaum, Richard DeJarnett, Sharon Clay, Sharon Dobbins, Vickie Hayman, John Heredia, Lisa Krueger, and Joshua Lunn.

WELCOME, ROLL CALL

Kevin called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone, thanking them for their attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on December 3, 2025, were approved on a motion made by Edith, seconded by James and carried 4-0.

CURRENT (SENIOR) MEMBER VACANCY

Sharon Dobbins shared that there is still a vacancy on the oversight committee that must be filled by a member of a senior citizens' organization. Interested individuals can find the vacancy notice and application on the Cajon Valley Union School District website or by contacting Sharon at dobbinss@cajonvalley.net. Sharon also noted that she has received some potential recommendations; however, no applications have been submitted to date.

MEASURE EE TECHNOLOGY BOND -- BUDGET UPDATE & REVIEW

Sharon Dobbins reviewed the Measure EE budget and expenditure reports dated February 28, 2026, noting that $13 million has been issued to date. She explained that the bond program, authorized by voters in 2016, had been progressing steadily until spending dropped significantly in 2020–21 due to the availability of federal COVID stimulus funds. Those funds were used to support classroom technology purchases, including student Chromebooks, allowing Measure EE bond funds to stretch further.

With stimulus funding no longer available, Measure EE spending has returned to the originally anticipated levels. Sharon reported that the fund balance as of February 28, 2026, was $2,799,596.95, and that the remaining $7 million in bond authorization is expected to be issued in late 2026. Those funds are projected to support classroom technology expenditures through approximately 2028.

Sharon Clay shared that 6,000 new student Chromebooks have been ordered and should be received prior to the start of the new school year.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY & BOND AUDIT

Sharon Dobbins reviewed the final draft of the annual report and shared that relocatable classrooms were installed at Magnolia and Flying Hills School of the Arts using final project savings.

Sharon further reviewed the report, noting that the financial information provides an overview over the life of the bond program. The Committee approved the final report, which will be presented to the community and made available on the District's Bond Program website at cajonvalley.net/bond.

Sharon reviewed the Financial and Performance Audit Reports for Measures C and EE for the year ending June 30, 2025, pointing out that, again this year, there were no audit findings.

Sharon also noted that the next report will reflect only the Measure EE Technology Bond, since there is no longer an active Construction Bond Program.

POTENTIAL FUTURE BOND

Scott shared that District staff will be requesting Governing Board approval to form School Facility Improvement Districts and to place separate bond measures on the November 2026 ballot targeted to these community areas. He noted that a Board workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 during which staff will present a proposal to shorten the bond term to ten (10) years rather than the more typical twenty-five (25) years.

Scott explained that a vote of four (4) Board members in support is required to place the bond measures on the ballot. He further shared that the District is working with financial advisor, Dale Scott, on the process.

DISCUSSION / OTHER

Sharon Dobbins announced that this meeting is John Heredia's last COC meeting, as he has accepted a position with the San Diego County Office of Education as its new Director of Maintenance and Operations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next Citizen's Oversight Committee meeting is in person on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 3:30pm in the Purchasing Department's Conference Room. This is the same property as the main District Office building, but the Purchasing Department is located around the corner at 189 Roanoke Rd, El Cajon, CA 92020. Further information will be sent via email closer to the meeting date.