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CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting · May 13, 2026

5 of 5	5:26 PM	$84.4M	6:19 PM
MEMBERS PRESENT	CALLED TO ORDER	Q3 EXPENDITURES	ADJOURNED

Meeting details

DATE & TIME	Wednesday, May 13, 2026 · 5:00 PM (called to order at approx. 5:26 PM)
LOCATION	Tincher Preparatory School
PRESIDING	Chairperson
QUORUM	Confirmed by roll call
MEMBERS ABSENT	None
NEXT MEETING	Approximately September 2026, following fiscal year close and audit

Who was there

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Richard Turrentine · Community-At-Large	**Tracy Nishihira** · Executive Director, Facilities Development & Planning
Steve Davis · Business Representative	**Sara Slater** · Assistant Director, Fiscal Services
Osvaldo Avila · Community-At-Large	**Shantel Brodhead** · Assistant Director, Public Information
Raul Nario · Parent/PTO *Arrived after roll call*	**Guillermo Jimenez** · Building Program Liaison *Newly introduced*
Magda Armistead · Parent/PTO	

01 Opening Business

01 Call to order

The regular meeting of the Long Beach Unified School District Citizens' Oversight Committee was called to order by the Chairperson at approximately 5:26 PM. A roll call was taken to confirm a quorum.

02 Approval of minutes

February 10, 2026 meeting

MOTION
Approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 meeting.
MOVED Steve Davis
SECONDED Raul Nario
✓ **MOTION CARRIED**

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AYES	NOES	ABSTAINED	ABSENT

03 Public comment

No public comments were made.

02 Communications & Announcements

01 Staff departure

Dana Grudem, Senior Program Manager, has left the district for a position that allows her more flexibility to care for her parents.

02 Community meeting updates

Community meetings were held this spring at Henry Elementary and Sato Academy on modernization and HVAC work beginning later this summer.

- **Henry Elementary:** Well attended. Staff discussed upcoming work and the plan for 3rd–5th grade students to relocate temporarily to Monroe.

03 Staff introduction

Guillermo Jimenez, Building Program Liaison, was introduced to the Committee. He supports project teams and brings prior experience working at school sites.

03 Staff Reports

01 Quarterly financial update

January–March 2026

HIGHLIGHTS

- Total bond program: approximately **$4.8 billion** across Measures K, E and Q.
- $23 was received in interest on state funding (a reimbursement program not intended to accrue interest).
- Field project budgets set under Measure E (2017) were deferred due to cost escalation and the decision to prioritize air conditioning projects first; those field projects are now showing significant budget increases.

DISCUSSION

- **Wilson HVAC:** The high school gymnasium scope originally bundled into the HVAC project is being separated and combined with the new natatorium (pool-to-indoor-space conversion) project. It will appear as a future "Wilson Natatorium/Gym" project.
- **Lakewood High School** remains the only site where the gym was completed as part of its HVAC project.
- A new Elementary Modernization Plus project was noted, with limited activity this quarter.

02 Expenditures report

January–March 2026

Total expenditures for the quarter were approximately **$84,432,391**, an unusually large quarter at roughly double the typical amount. Major projects included:

- **Jordan High School** gymnasium/natatorium phase (~$12.2M)
- **Carver HVAC+** (~$6.2M)
- **Measure Q Solar Phase 2**, installing solar canopies at 16 school sites
- **Hoover, Marshall and Millikan HVAC+**
- **Poly High School** new classrooms/CTE building

ALSO NOTED

- Keller Middle School's dual immersion program is relocating to Hoover Middle School, which has greater capacity. Incoming 6th graders from dual immersion elementary programs will matriculate to Hoover rather than Keller. As a school-of-choice program, transportation remains the responsibility of families.
- The list of closed and completed projects continues to grow.

03 Program notes

The Committee will not meet again until approximately September while the district closes its books for the fiscal year (ending June 30, with a county-authorized extension to August 15) and completes its external audit. A new external auditor will be assigned next year following a retirement.

04 New bond website

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Staff presented the redesigned bond program website, built to be more user-friendly. Features include:

- A consolidated Committee page with membership, applications, meeting calendar, agendas, minutes and annual reports
- School pages organized by level, with icons distinguishing HVAC and modernization projects
- A "recently completed" section retained for three years
- An interactive project timeline extending through 2030 and beyond

- Community meeting reports summarizing attendance, presentation materials (with translation) and a Q&A log

Staff noted the site is designed to communicate proactively with families about active construction issues, such as temporary noise or utility disruptions, to build trust and address concerns early.

04 New Business

Project highlights

01 Jordan High School *Phase 6 · opening 2027–28*	The former gymnasium and natatorium have been demolished and a new gymnasium/aquatic center is under construction; a topping-out ceremony was recently held. This phase is expected to be complete next summer. The final phase will add a new softball field on the site of the current interim/portable classrooms.
02 Marshall Academy of the Arts *18-month renovation*	Work underway includes refreshed hallways, flooring, ceilings, lighting and lockers; new classroom air conditioning; and new shaded outdoor canopies for instrumental music practice and the PE/weight room area.
03 Los Cerritos Elementary *Target: end of summer 2026*	A classroom refresh with new air conditioning is underway, and a new artificial-turf outdoor area is complete and in use. The project required a major electrical upgrade coordinated with Southern California Edison (SCE) and is expected to be complete for the 2026–27 school year.
04 Carver Elementary	A new natural grass field is in its maintenance period ahead of opening to students. The project has faced delays coordinating an electrical upgrade with SCE, requiring temporary generators to power HVAC in the first completed phase, and paint-adhesion issues that required specialists. Staff issued a proactive community notice explaining the ongoing work.

Discussion

- Staff noted that SCE capacity and permitting, not the district, is generally the bottleneck on electrical upgrades, and that SCE's move toward consolidated single-meter service at older sites is adding scope and cost to some projects.
- Committee members raised concerns about aging portables and heat conditions at older sites, including Lafayette Elementary. Staff noted these sites are not yet on the funded project list and will follow up individually with members.

05 Old Business

01 Committee vacancies	• **Taxpayers' Association seat:** Remains vacant. Staff continues outreach and asked members to refer potential candidates. • **Richard Turrentine:** His term expires next month; staff will recommend he be extended to a second term at the June Board meeting.
02 Board update	The Chairperson reported presenting the Committee's report to the Board of Education, which expressed appreciation for the Committee's work. The presentation is available on the district's YouTube channel from the February Board meeting.

06 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 PM.

MOTION
Adjourn the meeting.
MOVED Steve Davis
SECONDED Raul Nario
✓ **MOTION CARRIED**

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AYES	NOES	ABSTAINED	ABSENT

Next meeting. The Committee is expected to meet again in approximately September, following the fiscal year close and audit. Members will be notified of the exact date and time by email.

Public notices

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