SMMUSD Financial Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2026
Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Location: SMMUSD District Office – Board Room
1717 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401

I. Call to Order : 6:07 pm

Committee Members: Casper Casparian, Ryan Chin, Dillon Christensen *(late 6:11pm)*, Matthew Crawford, Nicole Drescher, Alex Farivar, Seth Jacobson, Michael Kremer *(via Zoom)*, Payal Maniar, Michael Rotgin

Student Representative:

Staff: Gerardo Cruz, Dr. Antonio Shelton, Kimberley Curry Blue (*absent*), Andrew Lacson (*absent*)

Board Liaison: Jon Kean (*absent*), Jennifer Smith, Stacy Rouse

Absent: Atul Porwal

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Maniar and seconded by Mr. Jacobson to approve the August 13, 2026, agenda.

AYES: Ten (10) – Mr. Casparian, Mr. Chin, Mr. Christensen, Mr. Crawford, Ms. Drescher, Mr. Farivar, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Kremer, Ms. Maniar, Mr. Rotgin
NOES: None (0)
ABSENT: One (1) –Mr. Porwal
ABSTAIN/NO VOTE: None (0)

III. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports (*60 min*)

A. Budget Recommendations

1. General: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mZNCpX2jBrLS8nt1Yy1xgrHt1SVFAw2H/view?usp=drive_link

***Chair Chin**, Mr. Casparian, Mr. Porwal, Mr. Wong*

Unfunded Liabilities:

- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sebadZsVirZ8bmkCCGdFKZCfq5PyD6AQ/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=109477188438738052068&rtpof=true&sd=true
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MlfcTFQJTFXqxZHqWVgbXI5S911iqEOr/view?usp=sharing
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mYgrxzN969mSyavFsMOz1l-a1_dQCvG7/view?usp=drive_link

***Chair Jacobson**, Mr. Christensen, Ms. Kremer, Ms. Maniar*

B. Bond Oversight: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cbRAR6qhbFJPTJbAWrZdCiDe2-9a91Jw/view?usp=sharing
***Chair Kremer**, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Chin, Mr. Porwal, Mr. Rotgin*

C. Measure R Reporting & Process Review: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1quRTomXN2ZgfWhhAu-SrGgDuioEGJBjY/view?usp=drive_link
***Chair Farivar**, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Christensen, Mr. Wong, Student Rep: Charlotte Bonnici, Elina Nagiel*

D. Financial Communications: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1djxQs14LlBCeZra-nR3GF9oR5FkTRGKL/view?usp=drive_link
***Chair Porwal**, Mr. Casparian, Mr. Farivar, Mr. Jacobson*

E. Nomination: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dxv8Ab4TepYthYsrfcXDSkbrO7n8Uxyf/view?usp=drive_link
***Chair Rotgin**, Mr. Jacobson, Ms. Maniar, Student Rep: Charlotte Bonnici, Elina Nagiel*

F. Malibu Unification: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aBWInk7UNga85aUmHDMjE5aZsJ4mNljR/view?usp=drive_link
***Chair Maniar**, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Christensen, Mr. Kremer, Mr. Rotgin*

G. Student FOC Representative: *Charlotte Bonnici, Elina Nagiel*

Minutes:
Subcommittee reports presented with general discussion.

IV. Receive and File *(Limited Discussion)* None

V. Public Comments None

VI. Committee Comments

1. Director of Fiscal
2. Assistant Director of Fiscal
3. Accountant
4. Payroll Specialist
5. Director of HR
6. Director of Transportation
7. Chief Communications Officer
8. Human Capital Management (HCM)
9. Negotiations

Minutes:
General discussion by staff regarding these open and newly filled positions, as well as the HCM transition and negotiations.

VII. Next Meeting: 2026-27 FOC Meeting Calendar Dates

Thursday, August 27, 2026 – Joint Meeting with Board of Education
Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Tuesday, December 8, 2026 ##
Tuesday, January 12, 2027
Tuesday, February 9, 2027
Tuesday, March 16, 2027*
Tuesday, April 13, 2027 – (pending**)
Tuesday, May 11, 2027
Tuesday, June 15, 2027

TBD (August 2027) Please note: This is a Joint Meeting / Study Session with the Board of Education - SMMUSD Office Board Room, 1717 4th Street.

#Note: August 13, 2026, meeting will be added as a Special Meeting for Subcommittee Reporting prior to the Joint Meeting with the Board of Education meeting scheduled for August 27, 2026.

Updated Meeting Date: Previously December 1, 2026.

**Note: April 13, 2027, meeting is a placeholder meeting and has been added for calendaring purposes. The meeting is subject to cancellation if it is deemed unnecessary.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm