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**School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee
Regular Meeting
LAUSD HQ – Board Room
333 S. Beaudry Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Thursday, November 7, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

Please see the archived video of the meeting for all discussions/questions:

<https://lausd.wistia.com/medias/kd5kp4lcxp> (English)

<https://lausd.wistia.com/medias/cl569u8z4o> (Spanish)

Committee Members Present (9): Neelura Bell, Sandy Betts, Robert Campbell, Patrick MacFarlane, Jennifer McDowell, Scott Pansky, Santa Ramirez, William Ross, Samantha Rowles.

Committee Members Absent (4): Chad Boggio, D. Michael Hamner, Aleigh Lewis, Brian Mello.

Committee Member Vacancies (2): LAUSD Student Parent, Senior Citizens' Organization

00:00:00 Call to Order

Mr. Campbell, BOC Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and welcomed all to the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) meeting. He stated that BOC members participating remotely needed to set their interpretation feature on the Zoom screen menu to their preferred language for simultaneous interpretation. He also thanked the KLCS Staff for their production, Information Technology Services Staff for its technical support, Spanish Interpretation Staff for their work in translating and other District staff for their assistance in broadcasting the hybrid BOC meeting.

Introductory Remarks

00:01:45 Mr. Campbell asked Dr. Rowles, BOC Secretary, to provide the introductory remarks.

Dr. Rowles announced that the BOC website could be found at <https://www.lausd.org/boc>. She also indicated that meeting materials and live stream in both English and Spanish were located under the tab *Upcoming Meetings*. She encouraged participants to visit the BOC website where previously approved project resolutions and relevant information can be found. She explained that public speakers were asked to sign up using a hyperlink to a Google form included on the agenda that was

published on the BOC's website on November 1, 2024. She said the form was available 24 hours before the start of the meeting and would remain open for 20 minutes after the meeting had started.

Dr. Rowles stated that there would be a maximum of five (5) speakers for each agenda item and up to ten (10) speakers for public comment. She stated that all public speakers would have up to 3 minutes. She also stated that public speakers with more than one agenda item would be provided 6 minutes total to make comments on all items they wished to address. She detailed the protocols for public speakers via audio and said that they should monitor the meeting through the live stream and then turn off the live stream volume when asked to speak to avoid audio echo or audio feedback. When it was the speaker's turn to speak, BOC Staff would announce the last four digits of the caller's phone number, and each public speaker would be instructed to unmute on Zoom, or press *6 (star 6), to speak. She stated that in-person speakers would be asked to step up to the podium to be heard. She thanked everyone in advance for working with the Committee to accommodate speakers.

00:04:30 Mr. Campbell stated the Bond Oversight Committee's (BOC) mission and purpose of the Committee:

"The mission of a strong and independent BOC is to oversee the construction, modernization, and repair of schools that promote the full development of children, are educationally and environmentally sound, enhance neighborhoods as centers of community through thoughtful design and programming, and reflect the wise and efficient use of limited land and public resources. The Committee is responsible for communicating its findings and recommendations to the District and the public. The BOC must ensure that school bond funds are spent as voters intended, that the spending is in compliance with all applicable statutes, that it maximizes available resources, and that projects are completed in a timely and cost-efficient manner."

Mr. Campbell informed that the BOC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Review Task Force remained active and is awaiting response to revisions forwarded to District Staff on September 19, 2023. He stated that District Staff had reached out to the BOC Chair to set up a coordination meeting to begin the process of review.

Mr. Campbell recognized that on October 22, Dr. Bevin Ashenmiller was appointed by the Board of Education to serve as an alternate member to the 10th District PTSA. He informed that Dr. Ashenmiller had served previously on the BOC and was currently serving on the BOC Green Schoolyards for All Task Force.

Mr. Campbell reported that Ms. Betts and Ms. Lewis attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Telfair Early Education Center Outdoor Classroom Upgrade Project. Pictures of the event could be found on the BOC website. Ms. Betts provided brief remarks regarding her experience at the event.

Mr. Campbell mentioned that the November 5 election day ballot included State Proposition 2 authorizing \$10B for public school and college repairs and a Local Bond Measure US proposing \$9B for LAUSD schools. At the time of the meeting, preliminary election results indicated both measures were passing. He asked District Staff to make presentations on the measures at the December 12 BOC meeting.

Mr. Campbell highlighted a new report added to the monthly meeting materials providing balances for the Board District and Region Priority allocations. He indicated that the report would be prepared by BOC Staff and was requested by Mr. Pansky.

00:08:22 **Agenda Item 1. Public Comment**

There were three public speakers who signed up for public comments and submitted letters on various agenda items. [see hyperlink here "[writing](#)" for submitted letters.]

00:23:21 **Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar – October 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes, and 1st Quarterly Report FY 2024-2025 (July-September)**

Mr. Ross made a motion to move the Consent Calendar.

Mr. Pansky seconded.

00:24:25 The Chair asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 9 – Ms. Bell, Ms. Betts, Mr. Campbell, Mr. MacFarlane, Ms. McDowell, Mr. Pansky, Ms. Ramirez, Mr. Ross, Dr. Rowles.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 4 - Mr. Boggio, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Mello.

The Consent Calendar was adopted.

00:25:15 **Agenda Item 3. Green Schoolyards for All Task Force Progress Report (Information Only)**

Presenters: Aleigh Lewis, Task Force Chair

This agenda item was postponed to the December 12 BOC Meeting.

Please refer to BOC Resolution [2024-26](#) for further details.

00:25:54 **Agenda Item 4. ITS BOC Quarterly Program Status Report Q3 2024 (July 1 – September 30, 2024) (Information Only)**

Presenter: Monica Nolen, Director of IT Project Management, ITS

Monica Nolen, Director of IT Project Management, presented the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) quarterly report for Q3 2024, covering July 1 through September 30, 2024. She provided updates on the following five projects:

- 1. Intelligent Schools Network Control Project:** This project aims to implement an Intelligent School Network Controls System to enable secure, efficient connectivity for internet-enabled devices in K-12 schools. She stated that the network configuration and deployment of device profiling continued in the third quarter. She explained an adjustment in the timeline to extend the completion of the development of network policies and device registration portal to the fourth quarter of 2024 due to resource diversion for audits and hardware dependencies.
- 2. Network Infrastructure Modernization Project:** This project modernizes the District's network infrastructure, data center and internet by replacing unsupported equipment. She shared that the core router installation and firewall upgrades were completed. She reported that the router cutover had a delay to the fourth quarter of 2024 due to unavailable maintenance windows.
- 3. Radio Systems Modernization Project:** This project modernizes the District's radio system to create a unified communication system for schools, police and emergency operations. She informed that there were delays to the LA-leased tower extending project completion to second quarter of 2025 and reported an interim agreement reached with the LA Mayor's office with further meetings scheduled. She also reported that 1,670 of 1,751 bus and police car radios had been installed.
- 4. School Network Systems Upgrade (Phase 1, Group 2):** This project replaces obsolete equipment and upgrades telecommunications and security systems across 108 school sites. Ms. Nolen highlighted that this quarter 45 sites were completed (target was 42) with upgraded phone, public address, and wireless LAN systems.
- 5. Tech Refresh: Equipping Tomorrow's Minds (Phase 1 & 2A):** This project replaces outdated computing devices and standardizes District technology. For this quarter, the portal for device selection launched and project website with resources and office hours made live at <https://www.lausd.org/techrefresh>. She stated that the timeline for the student device distribution shifted to the fourth quarter of 2024.

Eddard Romero, Senior Administrator for IT Infrastructure provided details on the Los Angeles-leased tower for the Radio Systems Modernization Project in response to a question related to the structural analysis to move forward with the project. He stated that the analysis was completed.

00:34:03 **Agenda Item 5. 26 Board District Priority and Region Priority Projects and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein**

Presenters: Mark Cho, Deputy Director of Facilities Maintenance & Operations, FSD

Mr. Cho presented 26 Board District Priority and Region Priority Projects and Amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan. He provided a brief description, budget and construction schedule for each proposed project. The total combined budget was approximately \$2.6M. The projects included four water bottle-filling stations, four fencing projects, eight furniture projects, one wall-mounted marquee, two auditorium renovation projects, two shade structures, one campus improvement project, one playground structure, one closed-circuit television (CCTV), and two electronic free-standing marquee projects. He provided further details on the proposed new shade structure at Napa Elementary School and Bryson Elementary School as well as the installation of a new playground structure at Heliotrope Elementary School. Please refer to Board Report No. 108-24/25 for further detailed information.

There were questions related to how the request for the water bottle-filling stations originated, lifespan of the rubber matting project at Heliotrope ES, how was the donation for the project at Heliotrope ES obtained, clarification for a split of funding to pay for one project, ADA upgrade cost for the Heliotrope ES project, permissibility of bond funds for furniture purchases, and criteria for funding of furniture. A member expressed gratitude to Mr. Cho for describing a recently approved bond-funded project for a green schoolyard at Heliotrope ES.

There was a statement to highlight the new table in the meeting materials presenting the remaining allocation per Board District and Region.

Ms. Bell made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-33.

Ms. Betts seconded.

00:47:28 Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 9 – Ms. Bell, Ms. Betts, Mr. Campbell, Mr. MacFarlane, Ms. McDowell, Mr. Pansky, Ms. Ramirez, Mr. Ross, Dr. Rowles.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 4 - Mr. Boggio, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Mello.

Resolution 2024-33 passed.

00:48:16 **Agenda Item 6. Two Projects to Provide Critical Replacements and Upgrades of School Building/Site Systems and Components and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein**
Presenters: Mark Cho, Deputy Director of Facilities Maintenance & Operations, FSD

Mr. Cho presented Two Projects to Provide Critical Replacements and Upgrades of School Building/Site Systems and Components at Dorsey High School (opened in 1937) and Drew Middle School (opened in 1962) for \$12.2M. He provided project scope, project budget and construction schedule anticipated to start in the third quarter of 2025 and completed in the second quarter of 2026. Please refer to Board Report No. 102-24/25 for further detailed information.

There was a question related to enrollment, particularly at Dorsey High School, and concerns about enrollment trends and their impact on future facility utilization.

There was a request made by Mr. Campbell for a presentation from the District addressing changes in enrollment to inform the BOC's decision making and to understand a long-term vision for campus utilization.

Ms. Betts made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-34.

Ms. Ramirez seconded.

00:53:45 Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 9 – Ms. Bell, Ms. Betts, Mr. Campbell, Mr. MacFarlane, Ms. McDowell, Mr. Pansky, Ms. Ramirez, Mr. Ross, Dr. Rowles.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 4 - Mr. Boggio, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Mello.

Resolution 2024-34 passed.

00:54:45 **Agenda Item 7. Three Charter School Facilities Upgrade Projects and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein**

Presenters: Mark Cho, Deputy Director of Facilities Maintenance & Operations, FSD

Mr. Cho presented Three Charter School Facilities Upgrade Projects and Amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan. He provided a brief description, budget and construction schedule for each proposed project. The first two projects at Aspire Firestone Academy at Azalea Academies and Camino Nuevo Charter Academy 4 at Cisneros Learning Center will replace deteriorated playground matting surfaces. The project at Animo Legacy Charter Middle School at Clay Middle School will be to replace roofs on 37 buildings at the school. The total combined budget was approximately \$7.3M. Please refer to Board Report No. 107-24/25 for further detailed information.

There was a question related to student enrollment at each school. Mr. Cho provided numbers.

Ms. Bell made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-35.

Dr. Rowles seconded.

00:58:22 Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 9 – Ms. Bell, Ms. Betts, Mr. Campbell, Mr. MacFarlane, Ms. McDowell, Mr. Pansky, Ms. Ramirez, Mr. Ross, Dr. Rowles.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 4 - Mr. Boggio, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Mello.

Resolution 2024-35 passed.

00:59:10 **Agenda Item 8. Two Accessibility Enhancement Projects and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein**

Presenter: Issam Dahdul, Director of Facilities Planning and Development, FSD

Mr. Dahdul presented Two Accessibility Enhancement Projects, Two Barrier Removal projects, and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein. He provided some background about the *Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan* approved in 2017 by the Board of Education in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II program. He explained that the *Transition Plan* assigned a category based on the level of accessibility required for the site with more than two dozen criteria for prioritization. He presented the three types of categories for accessibility as follows:

Category One: “Key” schools with highest level access

- Generally, in accordance with applicable physical accessibility standards
- 1A: “full accessibility” schools –built to new construction standards
- 1B: “high accessibility” schools –altered with some limited exceptions

Category Two: “Program-Accessible” schools

- Core spaces and features will be accessible

- Program accessibility will be provided to all programs and activities at the school
- Category Three: “Core Access” schools
- A basic level of access will be provided for core buildings and certain common spaces

Mr. Dahdul presented a project location map, data indicating building area and acreage of each school, student eligibility by disability category, project scope, project budget, and project schedule for Coliseum Street Elementary School and Mayall Academy of Arts & Technology. The total combined budget for the project is \$13.8M. Please refer to Board Report No. 103-24/25 for further detailed information.

There were questions related to determining the number of drinking fountains, potential capacity at both schools, enrollment trends considering the project start in 2027 and anticipated completion in 2029, difference between metal ramps and concrete ramps, and DSA certification of portable buildings.

BOC Vice-Chair Campbell made a request to the District for information on enrollment history and enrollment planning especially as the cost of projects increase over time. He expressed that this information would be essential for the BOC to reach informed and deliberate decisions.

Mr. Dahdul and Mr. Arrington answered questions.

Ms. Betts made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-36.

Ms. Ramirez seconded.

01:11:27 Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 9 – Ms. Bell, Ms. Betts, Mr. Campbell, Mr. MacFarlane, Ms. McDowell, Mr. Pansky, Ms. Ramirez, Mr. Ross, Dr. Rowles.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 4 - Mr. Boggio, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Mello.

Resolution 2024-36 passed.

01:12:21 **Agenda Item 9. Chief Facilities Executive’s Report (Information Only)**
Presenter: Krisztina Tokes, Chief Facilities Executive, FSD

Ms. Tokes, Chief Facilities Executive, began her presentation announcing that the LAUSD Measure US, based on recent election results, looked like it would pass. She said the measure would help address significant unmet facility needs in the District. She reported that her updates would focus on the progress of the Outdoor Learning Environment (OLE) program, storm preparation, ongoing roofing projects, and recent awards recognizing Facilities Services Division teamwork.

Ms. Tokes informed that the \$15M OLE program funded the removal of outdated portable classrooms and replacing them with outdoor learning spaces that included shaded seating, internet access, outdoor signs, blackboards, and accessibility requirements. She stated that FSD was closely working with instructional staff to design these spaces based on each school’s specific needs. She reported a total of 18 projects, with three in-construction and anticipated for completion by 2026, two projects pending approval, and 13 projects in the design phase estimated for completion by 2026-2027.

In preparation for the rainy season, she indicated that FSD was proactively addressing potential issues by trimming trees and clearing gutters and catch basins to prevent water pooling. She highlighted investments in roofing projects with \$188M completed and \$145M underway, making all active classrooms a priority for more improvements with the new bond measure to ensure safety and operational standards regardless of enrollment.

Ms. Tokes concluded her presentation informing the BOC of a recent recognition for the Cleveland High School modernization project earned from the Los Angeles Business Council and the American Institute of Architects, Los Angeles (AIA) Community Contribution Award for transformative design that mirrors college campuses and enriches student experience.

There was a question related to inspection or tracking of other issues when a roof is reaching its end of life, plant selection for outdoor learning classrooms, access to green spaces after project is completed, routine maintenance, and declining enrollment.

Ms. Tokes stated that she would report back with information seeking clarity on insights into the District's long-term planning processes as enrollment trends and demographics shift potentially impacting the trajectory of FSD projects.

01:29:37 Agenda Item 10. Discussion of Non-Agenda Matters

There were no other announcements. Mr. Campbell thanked BOC members, District Staff, and the public for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m. He stated that the next BOC meeting would be on December 12, 2024.

Minutes of November 7, 2024, approved per School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee.

/Samantha Rowles/

Dr. Samantha Rowles, Secretary