

Citizens Oversight Committee  
Minutes  
April 19, 2023

At approximately 5:22 p.m., Pablo Tamashiro, Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) Co-Chair greeted everyone present. Norma Macias, Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation called roll and quorum was reached. The meeting was called to order and Mr. Tamashiro conducted the meeting.

1. Introductions:
- a. Roll Call

Present:

- Pablo Tamashiro
- Luis Aguilar
- Cathi Eredia
- Erica Mondragon

Absent:

- Cynthia Arredondo
- Heidi Carrillo
- Joanna Haro
- Jennifer Cobian-Alternate
- Julia Ruedas-Alternate
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- b. Flag Salute: led by Pablo Tamashiro

- c. Approval of Agenda:  
A motion was made by Pablo Tamashiro and seconded by Luis Aguilar to approve the agenda for April 19, 2023.

4 Ayes            0 Nos            0 Abstained            5 Absent

- d. Approval of Minutes— (January 30, 2023)  
A motion was made by Pablo Tamashiro and seconded by Luis Aguilar to approve the minutes for January 30, 2023.

4 Ayes            0 Nos            0 Abstained            5 Absent

- e. Approval of Minutes— (March 9, 2023 Take by Sandy Navarro)  
A motion was made by Pablo Tamashiro and seconded by Cathi Eredia to approve the minutes for March 9, 2023.

4 Ayes            0 Nos            0 Abstained            5 Absent

## **Presentation/Progress Report**

Ms. Macias provided an update on the balance for Measure D (\$37,707,977), Measure HS (\$84,407,694) and reviewed a list of projects and their funding sources.

State matching funds were discussed. While we wait to receive State matching funds, Bond dollars will be used. Once the State matching funds are received, the funds will be placed back into the bond account. The ESSER fund expires in 2024 for Air conditioning. The modernization projects that have not started construction have an AC component. The architects have been instructed to start this in order to have them ready by September 2023.

Mr. Tamashiro asked if we could lose the ESSER funding. Ms. Macias stated we can revise our submittal to the CDE before September 2024. If we do not complete the project we have to return the money. Cathi Eredia, COC Chair, asked if we still file for e-rate funds and have a local matching fund. Per Sandy Navarro, Construction Account Technician III, we are currently paying 15-20 percent of the cost.

At the March 9th meeting, Ms. Eredia read David Casnocha's response to the COC's inquiry regarding the Transition Center questioning the board's decision to cancel the contract with DLR resulting in wasting 1.1 million dollars. Ms. Eredia stated the only option is to sue the district or board as a private citizen.

Mr. Elatar stated five percent of the total issuance of 56 million is 1.3 million dollars and the 1.1 dollars is less than the five percent of the bond. The IRS allows up to five percent before it considers wasted funds; we are below the threshold. Mr. Elatar informed the committee he is available if anyone has any further questions. He confirmed the COC has done their due diligence.

Mr. Tamashiro asked if the project was completely canceled. Mr. Elatar stated that they were directed to identify a different location for the Transition Center. Mr. Tamashiro asked what will happen to the DSA approval. Per Mr. Elatar, the architect was given direction to not move forward with anything. Ms. Eredia asked about the contracts with PCC. Mr. Elatar said we are still in negotiations with them. He advised the committee if they would like to continue on the committee, they will need to turn in a new application which is due April 28th. This is a quick turnaround because we have to advertise if we do not have enough people to serve on the committee.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Tamashiro and Ms. Mondragon seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.