

Measure Q Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

District Board Room – District Office

6:0-7:00 p.m.

Meeting Notes for October 16, 2019

Members Present: Alberta Christy, Mariano Cuellar, Paul Gonzales, Jim Hossfeld, and Irma Macias

District Staff Present: Peter Hardash, Adam O'Connor and Dr. Linda Rose.

Guests: Linda Melendez

1. Call to Order: Mr. Hossfeld called the meeting at 6:06 p.m.
Members provided introductions while waiting to meet quorum requirements.
2. Approval of Minutes – June 25, 2019
Due to a lack of quorum, the approval of the meeting minutes of June 25, 2019 will be considered at a rescheduled meeting before the end of the month.
3. 2018-19 Measure Q Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report to the Community
Those present reviewed the draft Annual Report to the Community and edits noted. Due to a lack of quorum, there was no action taken at this time. The meeting will be rescheduled to review and approve the Annual Report to the Community before the end of the month and before quorum is lost as the result of two members' terms expiring. Mr. Hardash reviewed the report and explained the financials have been audited with authorization given to provide the information even though the auditors will complete their work in December with a report to the RSCCD. The financials demonstrate that the District is expending the funds properly and in compliance with the law as stated in the Chair's Message of the report. Mr. Hossfeld requested the addition of Dunlap Hall renovation to the Measure Q Accomplishment section. He also requested the format of the financials be adjusted so as not to interfere with the fold.
4. District Update – Martinez
Chancellor Martinez provided a brief bio of his 30-year community college work experience as well as personal notes about himself and his family living in Orange County. He briefly discussed his experience with bond campaigns and the way it transforms a campus community and attracts future students.

Chancellor Martinez announced the City of Santa Ana approved (with 5-1 vote) the extension of agreement with RSCCD to support the continuation of Centennial Education Center with a ground lease for 85 years (concluding October 2104). The current agreement was only a two-year extension from the previous five-year agreement. Now the District can build, update and modernize that center to serve our students and community. Part of the agreement is to develop a community room for use by local councils and homeowners associations, recreational rooms for yoga and Zumba classes, and a joint-use branch library. Another goal is to improve the site by adding an electronic message board at the corner of Edinger/Fairview for use by both the District and the City drawing the community to the campus.

Chancellor Martinez briefly discussed the potential bond considered by the RSCCD Board for the March 2020 ballot. Even without the bond, the District is committed to renovating the Centennial Education Center. Ms. Christy stated the District has done well with taxpayers dollars through Measures E and Q; declaring integrity and responsibility were evident to the community throughout the processes and demonstrated quality in construction projects.

5. Measure Q Project Update – Hardash

Mr. Hardash provided a brief update on Measure Q projects as follows:

- Dunlap Hall, Central Plant and Infrastructure were completed. Initially funded through Measure E and completed with Measure Q funds. This project connected 7-8 buildings to the central plant and completed needed underground infrastructure.
- Johnson Student Center & Demolition – Steel framing is in place and the building is taking shape; it looks much different from when the board toured the campus in June. Anticipated occupancy is Spring 2021. Budget is short, but there is an expectation of savings from the Science Center to roll over.
- Science Center and Building J Demolition – Project is on schedule and budget on target. The exterior looks complete and the interior with cabinets and equipment are being installed. Completion is anticipated by March with some classes scheduled for occupancy in summer and all classes by Fall 2020.
- Budget Modifications - Reconciles what the projects were budgeted at and what it is today. The City of Santa Ana did not allow the District to build on the property at 17th and Bristol, so the funds for that project moved to the Science Center.

6. Measure Q Financial Report – O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor reviewed the Projects Cost Summary for the period September 30, 2019 through October 8, 2019. Noting the costs expended over the last few months totaling over \$5 million. At this time there is over \$65 million in cash remaining including the issuance of the last bond totaling \$58 million and the previous balance of \$7 million. There were no questions or comments. Mr. Hardash provided a brief report of the recent last issuance of bonds.

7. Santa Ana College Update

Dr. Rose provided a brief update on the activities of Santa Ana College including the progress of the buildings raising on campus. Students are utilizing and enjoying the new quad area, but shade is needed and staff is looking into such purchase. Other events include the Athletic Hall of Fame, Teaching Education Fair, and Undocumented Action Week that included daily events and workshops on immigration. Wellness Wednesday, Financial Aid Workshop, Workshops to assist students write well-organized, authentic essays for scholarships, Register to Vote seminar at CEC, and Census workshop to ensure understanding and importance of participation. College Fairs, SAC involvement in the Mayor's State of the City Address, hosting Southern California Equity Institute, Planetarium exhibits, and SAC Don Mariachi Band are just a few of the activities at SAC. There were no questions or comments.

8. Membership – Hardash

Mr. Hardash acknowledged the membership changes occurring at the end of the month with the loss of Irma Macias and Kenneth Nguyen terming out of office. They were first appointed in 2013 and concluded two three-year terms. They can sit one year out before returning. Chancellor Martinez confirmed he is actively encouraging Board Members to submit recommendations for the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. He also asked members to send any recommendations to him. Time is of the essence and without quorum, it is difficult to schedule the January meeting and develop the 2020 meeting schedule.

9. Committee Comments

The committee shared various comments noting that something unexpected must have happened to Member Nguyen since it is very unusual for him not to attend the meeting. The critical need was restated for meeting quorum and the requirement to approve the 2018-19 Annual Report to the Community before two members' terms expire at the end of October.

10. Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 7:01 p.m.