

Measure Q Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Via Zoom

6:05 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Summary of Meeting of October 20, 2022

Members Present: Cecilia Aguinaga, Alberta Christy, Drew Hatcher, Kenneth Nguyen, Irma Avila Macias, Barbara “Bobbie” Rooker, and Teresa Saldivar

Members Absent: Vanessa Castro, and Paul Gonzales

District Staff Present: Iris Ingram, Marvin Martinez, Annebelle Nery, Carri Matsumoto, Adam O'Connor, and Kennethia Vega

1. Call to Order/Introductions: Mr. Hatcher called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. upon meeting quorum requirements followed by individual introductions. There were no requests for public comments. Committee members commended staff for the wonderful tour of Health Sciences Building before the start of the meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes – June 16, 2022
Ms. Aguinaga made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2022, meeting as presented. Ms. Macias seconded the motion. With no comments, edits or questions, the motion passed unanimously.
3. 2021-2022 Measure Q Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report
The draft 2021-2022 Annual Report to the Community was distributed via email and hard copies provided for ease of review.

Ms. Aguinaga made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Annual Report to the Community as presented. Mr. Nguyen seconded the motion. With no comments, questions, or edits, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Measure Q Financial Update – Ingram
Vice Chancellor Ingram introduced Assistant Vice Chancellor, Adam O'Connor. He referenced the Projects Cost Summary, the final Measure Q finance report with balances at zero; confirming that all funds were spent by year end. Mr. O'Connor stated the draft audit report is not yet available. It will be presented to the Board of Trustees in December. The engagement partner review has been accomplished and no changes are anticipated. The draft audit from Eide Baily states, in their opinion, the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects as of June 30, 2022. The firm did not detect any deficiencies in internal controls or any instances of noncompliance, there were no audit findings or questions of costs, and the results of their testing indicated the district expended all funds only for the specific projects approved by the voters. Chair Hatcher commended the financial team for their consistent, clean audit reports.
5. Measure Q Projects Update – Matsumoto
Ms. Matsumoto provided a brief update on the Measure Q projects confirming completion with the last project being a portion of the Health Sciences Building that was just toured by the committee. The Health Sciences Building is about 70% complete and is anticipated for completion in summer 2023. Measure Q provided \$9.11 million to the project. All other projects have been completed and funds expended accordingly.

6. RSCCD Update – Martinez

Chancellor Martinez provided an update and explained the results of redistricting, which provides an opportunity to welcome a new trustee for Area 4 representing parts of Santa Ana and Garden Grove. This opportunity will bring more diversity onto the Board. Daisy Tong and Trustee Yarbrough are running unopposed while Trustee Hanna has an opponent running against him. A reception is planned for the November 14 Board Meeting to acknowledge the retirement of Trustee Labrado and his 28 years of dedicated service to RSCCD. Enrollment continues to increase, and SAC is doing well. Student Housing is a project which the Board Facilities Committee, just this morning, approved the consultant to conduct a feasibility study and will be reviewed at Board of Trustees Meeting on Monday. Discussion ensued with a focus on the opportunities and challenges for providing student housing. Ms. Matsumoto explained the current grant of \$500,000 is to conduct the feasibility study and is a condition of the next round of funding to qualify for the construction funds in July 2023. This requires looking at property locations, the demand for housing, the financial components, and affordability rates. Future development of a continuing education center was shared briefly and the potential for a general obligation bond in 2024. A resolution will need to be approved by the Board of Trustees this time next year. Such a bond could further develop and modernize the campus facilities for students and remove old buildings. Discussion followed related to potential costs to taxpayers, amount of potential bond, and the support of the community. In concluding his remarks, Chancellor Martinez thanked the committee members for their dedication to Santa Ana College, the students, and the community through their service on the Measure Q Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

7. Santa Ana College Update – Nery

Dr. Nery commended the committee for their service, dedication and oversight of Measure Q projects and funds. She stated Santa Ana College now has the best facilities in the community college system. There is no other building like the Johnson Student Center anywhere, keeping students and resources connected. She noted SAC enrollment is second in the State (only behind Mt. SAC) and anticipates record breaking fall enrollment to surpass Mt. SAC. She commended faculty and staff for their incredible work and providing necessary classes for students. She also discussed SAC's accolades for best practices in research, upcoming opportunities through ASPEN Project, and potential general obligation bond which will support more parking as enrollment continues to climb. When asked about equity, diversity, and inclusion, she explained a gap widened during the pandemic and SAC is developing resources for closing those gaps. In closing, she shared about partnerships with local charter schools, Mater Dei, OCHSA and academic academies for creating more opportunities for students to focus on college pathways.

8. Committee Comments

Committee members shared commendation remarks, expressing pride of Santa Ana College and the accomplishments of Measure Q. They also commended the administration, staff, and faculty for serving the community well with the completed projects. It was suggested the accomplishments of Measure Q be used to encourage the next potential general obligation bond. It was also suggested that Santa Ana College collaborate with Santa Ana High School music department to bring back unified performances.

Vice Chancellor Ingram presented a plaque of appreciation to each member for their service, commitment, and dedication to Measure Q Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Those not in attendance will receive their respective plaques in the mail.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Christy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Saldivar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.