



INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Friday, July 10, 2020
Location: ZOOM
MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:17 p.m. by Glen Winn, ICOC Chair.

Members Present: Margo Cobian, Michael Hunsaker, Sarah Rosenfield, Glen Winn, Beverly Ann Tolbert, Athenia Luciano, Rachel Alazar

Members Absent: None

District Representatives: Dr. Jack Kahn, Acting Superintendent/President
Yulian Ligioso, Acting Vice President, Finance & Administrative Services
Chris Miller, Director, Facilities
Dennis Astl, Manager, Construction & Facilities Planning
Julie Lanthier Bandy, Acting Director, Communications, Marketing & Public Affairs
Heather Sutton, Administrative Specialist, Fiscal Services

Introductions

Glen Winn welcomed the members and roll call followed.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March 6, 2020 meeting were approved. (MSC: GW/MC)

District Reports

College Update

Dr. Jack Kahn gave an update on the FCMAT report and the eight (8) key recommendations to improve the fiscal health of the District. Informed the group that as the 19/20 budget closes, Palomar was able to cut the projected deficit in half, in as little as six months. Still more work to do on the structural deficit, but moving into 20/21 Palomar is in a much better position than last year. A fiscal monitor will still be assigned until we hear from the Chancellors Office after we present in November. Explained that there are items in the works to help with the budget and get more on track. Additionally, explained the process of assigning a trustee and how that affects the college. Spoke to the items that the college did to improve the budget, to include the early retirement notification project, and staffing adjustments. Answered questions on remote learning and how that affects teaching and the college overall.

ICOC Annual Report – Julie Lanthier-Bandy

Julie walked the group through the ICOC Annual Report for 2018-19. Points of interest are listing of committee members, two student trustees, the role of the Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee, summary of bond issuances, projects, and expenditures. Additionally, walked through some of the projects and informed the committee that Glen Winn, ICOC Chair, would be presenting the report to the board in August. (MC/MH)



Prop M Audit Update

Construction Report – Dennis Astl

Dennis Astl displayed the Construction Activity Report and provided information regarding the status on current projects.

Library: LEEDS certification. It is the second building on campus to receive the certification.

President’s Office: Construction is wrapping up with remaining punch list work.

T Building Storage: Completed and certified with DSA.

Parking Lot 12 Parking Structure & Police Station: The new PV system on the 5th floor of the parking structure is complete and have received approval for activation. A replacement part of a small issue has been ordered.

M&O: Has won the 12th Design Award for landscape and international sustainability. Completed, certified, and closed with DSA.

Kinesiology/Athletic Complex: Design and development have been wrapped up and pending Governing Board decision on next steps.

Fallbrook Education Center: Currently installing PV system in the front parking lot of the village location. This is at 33% completed and will reduce utility bills. Comments from DSA have been received and the architect is addressing.

Discussion regarding solar power units and potential projects followed with input from Mike Hunsaker, Dennis Astl, and Chris Miller.

Financial Update – Yulian Ligioso

Yulian Ligioso spoke on the quarterly report, expenditures, issuances, and that there were minor amounts left. For January-March, Palomar spent approximately \$3.4 million and total for the nine-month period, it was approximately \$14.2million. Yulian Ligioso continued to speak on what was spent for the parking and library work that Dennis Astl addressed earlier in his report, to include Fallbrook and Athletics.

Questions were asked by Margo Cobian about the remaining funds needing to be spent by the end of 2020. Yulian Ligioso states that there is usually three years from the time the bond is issued, but it can go up to, if not beyond five years in extenuating circumstances.

Other

VP Ligioso spoke to the plan to do refunding on some of the bonds through advanced refunding and saving taxpayers money. Mike Hunsaker shared concerns with refinancing and the overstating of savings. Would like for this to have more scrutiny and transparency to make sure that the taxpayers’ benefit.

Michael Hunsaker asked to encourage committee members, especially our student representatives to attend bond finances. Recommended the Taxpayers Association.

Comments from Members

Adjournment



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There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2020. Agenda and minutes will be distributed prior to the meeting with a call for agenda items in advance of their distribution.