

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE Friday, June 25, 2021 Via ZOOM MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by VICE PRESIDENT Ambur Borth

Members Present: Glenn Winn, Michael Hunsaker, Sarah Rosenfield, Rachel Alazar, and Vicki Betz

Members Absent: Beverly Ann Tolbert and Athenia Luciano

District Representatives: Jack Kahn, Ph.D., Acting Superintendent/President Ambur Borth Vice President, Finance & Administrative Services Chris Miller, Director, Facilities Dennis Astl, Manager, Construction & Facilities Planning Julie Lanthier Bandy, Director, Communications, Marketing & Public Affairs Heather Sutton, Acting Executive Assistant, Finance & Administrative Services

2. Introductions

Vice President Borth introduced new members Rachel Alazar and Vicki Betz. Both are awaiting board approval and attended the meeting as non-voting members.

3. Public Comments

There were no Public Comment speakers.

4. <u>Approval of Minutes</u> Minutes from the March 12, 2021 meeting were approved. (MSC: GW/MH) (1 NO SR)

5. District Reports

a. Prop M Construction Update – Dennis Astl Dennis introduced himself and mentioned that he would be covering two items during the meeting. The first would be the Construction Activity Report and the second a presentation for the new stadiums that was done to The Governing Board on June 1st. In his review of the report, he remarked that the project is nearing its final phase and that designs for the softball and football fields had been submitted. He expects that bidding will begin around December 21/January 22. He gave an update on the aquatics project which is already underway. He cited that improvements include re-plastering, new lights, tile replacement, and a new chemical treatment system. Next, he followed up on the progress of the "Fallbrook 40". They held their first meeting, and it was a huge success. There was a large turn out by community and student members, and they are now trying to determine the best location on campus for the new build. He also mentioned that there was nothing new to report on the Student Retention Center and there will be an RFP for design services next month. As a side note, Dennis mention two recent awards for the Arboretum project: San Diego American Society of Civil Engineers and Imperial County for Civil Engineering which will be receiving proper recognition. Last, Dennis shared his presentation on the Football and Softball Stadium Projects; highlighting important information about the buildings and some special design features.

ICOC member Winn asked about handicap access and the ability to use parts of the buildings to host small capacity classrooms. Dennis confirmed that ADA access would be available to both fields. He also noted that the Phase 2 Football Field House building would be designed to promote efficiency and flexibility of use.

b. Bond Expenditure Update – Prop M Quarterly Report – FY21Q3 - Ambur Borth Vice President Borth reviewed the comprehensive financial data for the Prop M Bond through Q3 which ended on



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March 31, 2021. She started with the overview financial information. The bond currently totals \$724,292,717 and is made up of Series A-D. She reported that at the end of March 2021, we had 22.4% of the resources remaining, which equates to about \$162 million. She added that after construction commitments, the Unencumbered Fund Balance is \$156,133,851. Next, she reviewed expenditures for each of the series and highlighted the following: Series A is 100% expensed; Series B is finalized and is also 100% complete with expenditures; Series C is active, has about 4.3 million in construction commitments, has approximately 43 million in allocated funds, and we have spent 78.7% of funds as of March 31; Series D is also active, with recent spending occurring on the Fallbrook Project, expenditures of 39 million, and construction commitments of 3.3 million. She ended by showing the grand total of Prop M expenditures and the remaining fund balance.

ICOC member Hunsaker brought up concerns about Series D being overdue and general budget health. Vice President Borth addressed both concerns and stated that she would bring up the 3-year limit with Bond Council. She believes there might be some leeway due to building obstacles that occurred due to COVID-19. She noted that Prop M budget is in good standing and deferred to Dennis for further elaboration on construction budgets. Dennis confirmed that price hikes and unavailability of materials have caused delays. He believes that the environment will be better by the end of the year. Current approved projects include athletics, Fallbrook, and the remodeling of the old library. He also noted that there is a \$10M contingency fund available for unforeseen issues but that they are being prudent with spending. ICOC member Hunsaker also inquired about the desire and vision that was expressed by the Fallbrook visioning members. Dennis reported that they want something that captures their values, stands out, and is special. ICOC member Rosenfield expressed that design should also incorporate the many Native American tribes from the local area. Dennis remarked that there is a plan to meet with the established Native American Council to attain their input.

Additional questions were asked by ICOC members Winn and Hunsaker regarding the financial state of the college, next scheduled audit, date of next meeting, the student center funding formula, and the reopening date of the college to community. Vice President Borth provided some details on the Legislative Budget proposal, shared next meeting date (July 6th), and expressed that she would follow up with ICOC member Hunsaker on Student Center Funding formula. President Khan shared that the campus would be reopening on September 1, 2021 and this would include additional face-to-face classes.

c. ICOC Annual Report - Review Julie Lanthier Bandy Julie shared the digital copy of the Annual Report. She noted that a printed copy would become available and mailed out once review and corrections were complete. She gave a brief description of each page and highlighted important information. At the end of the presentation, it was determined that she would present the document to the Governing Board on July 6, 2021. ICOC member Hunsaker had a question concerning the meaning of Net Zero. Dennis explained that it meant that we produce more energy than we consume and that this was measured over the course of a year. Overall feedback was that the report looked great.

d. Other – Roster Review. Vice President Borth thanked all the members that have been serving on the committee. She acknowledged length of services, dedication of several members, upcoming extensions, replacement needs, and new members. She mentioned that she would like to present certificates of appreciation to retiring members for all their diligent work and dedication over the years. Vice President Borth also expressed the plan to move back to regular quarterly meetings. She shared meeting dates through June 2022 that would also be added to website. She closed by thanking everyone once more for their wonderful work and dedication.

6. Comments from Members

No comments for members.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.