

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

May 3, 2018
MEETING MINUTES - NOTES

Meeting Time: 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Location: Chancellor's Conference Room, District Offices
333 East 8th Street, Oakland, CA 94606

Committee Members (Present):

Michael Mills, Chairperson (District Support Organization), Debra Weintraub (Senior Citizens' Organization), Oscar Porter (Community-at-Large)

Committee Members (Absent):

Zach Unger (Labor Organization), John Caner (Business Organization),

PCCD Staff Present:

Christine Williams, Acting Vice Chancellor, Romaneir Johnson (Vice Chancellor of Finance & Administration), Kelle Lynch-McMahon (Director of Capital Projects)

Guests:

Keith Welsh (Student Representative Applicant), Blake Johnson, Chris Weidenbach, William B. Tunick, District Attorney

Minutes Recorded by: Richard Ferreira, Interim Executive Assistant, Finance & Administration

MINUTES:

1. Call to Order (Chairperson Mills)

Meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. Quorum not met. Committee may meet to discuss items, however, not vote on any matters.

Keith Welsh submitted an application to Richard Ferreira to be forwarded to the Chancellor for consideration as the Student Representative.

Oscar Porter's name was updated on the agenda handout. Request for new members and status update.

2. Review of Agenda

Quorum not met. Meeting continued as a discussion and for notes.

3. Public Comment

Several members from the public. Request to state the purpose. Independent oversight the usage of monies per the ballot.

Request that Keith be copied on any correspondence regarding the COC.
Kewe4551@cc.peralta.edu.

Voters are concerned that the monies are doing what they are supposed to be doing.

Value of the COC is an independent set of eyes. Assure the Board and the voters that what they voted for is actually being done. Let us not forget the spirit of what the committee does. Concerns about the spending in regards to the language of the bonds.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes from November 1, 2017

Quorum not met. Meeting continued as a discussion and for notes.

Review and Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2018

Quorum not met. Meeting continued as a discussion and for notes. Item 7 concerns reference to the Parcel Tax did not reflect the nature of the discussion. Michael will work with Richard to update the language under this section to be presented at the next meeting.

5. College and District Parcel Tax allocation and actual usage for 2017-18 and 2018-19

VC Johnson provided a Powerpoint presentation and handout regarding Measure B. Every year approximately 2 million was spent. 2016-17 are the audit actuals. Discussion regarding this year adopted budget by the Board. Actual 2017-18 amounts for each college provided.

Part of Full time salaries are coming out of Measure B monies as opposed to the General Fund. The funds will support supplemental benefits, however the amount will be small. There is a concern the people hired before Measure B or how has it changed the dynamics or the enhancement of those funds.

As a taxpayer it is possible that it is not clear what Measure B has accomplished. Request for something concrete.

The committee believes it is well within the committee scope to request and that if the committee is satisfied, can assure itself that the process would be subjective moving forward.

Allocated a budget with Measure B is going to change. The budget will change moving forward at the next PBC meeting to be engaged.

6. Measure A progress update from Kelle Lynch-McMahon

Project Status Report from Director of Capital Projects, Lynch-McMahon. Overall status is on track. Budget approval just received.

Laney Project to begin in December. Projects include modifying HVAC. BCC Milvia Street over the next few months to begin. Laney BEST Center partnering with PG&E. Should be ready for enrollment and teaching in that center by September.

Projects completed included COA Vet Center, Barbara Lee Science at Merritt College, Laney College forum lighting retrofit, BCC elevator maintenance project, Districtwide HVAC study-due June 2018, Districtwide tank removal, and Laney College secure all door modifications.

Everyday items that do not work, for example, water fountains, blinds, etc. problems seem to exist on the colleges. Deferred maintain is a separate allocation and priorities may change based on health and safety needs for example, elevators not working.

Scheduled maintenance monies are used for it. Measure A monies may be used differently, whether it is from scheduled maintenance, some may be used by bond.

7. District Plans for November Ballot

Discussion on how much money was allocated to each college and what was done by each college with those funds. That information may be requested. Fundamental question about Parcel Tax is it to augment or maintain classes and the concern is how it is being used. Colleges may have the answer to this concern. Our purpose is to support student success.

A concern if the Parcel tax is for the student for example food or assistance. This committee may not possibly endorse another ballot. The committee understands that the purpose of Finance is to ensure compliance of how the funds are spent and not necessarily approval of how the funds are budgeted.

Another concern was if college presidents should be invited to attend and explain how the funds were spent as well as students should be a process.

There was a concern that possibly the previous Vice Chancellor stated that Measure B funds could not be touched. Vice Chancellor supports students and their success. Focused on planning the preparation of the Budget.

There were questions regarding if the District will go out for another bond. No final decision has been made. Administration will present plans to the Board.

If something is going to be placed on November ballot it must be placed by August to the Board. Committee has raised concerns that this committee and the language of the ballot measure is vague. Bond language is quite broad.

With bond funding it is generally prioritized, however things may change. It does take a planning process. College have already identified who are the key people who may be involved in this process.

8. Citizen's Oversight Committee By-Laws

Two issues not completely unique. One committee for both a Bond Measure and a separate Parcel Tax committee. One concern was that Bond statutory shall have bylaws that look similar to Parcel Tax. Parcel tax have no statutory committees. Independent oversight, committee is not stated but it is inferred. Parcel tax committees are not well defined and has different functions.

Three documents regarding bylaws, resolution and Administrative Procedure were discussed. We are going through the resolution and bylaws to be consistent with each other. Both documents should say if they refer to one, the other, or both.

The purpose of the language comes out of the statute and adopted by the Board in 2012. Funds must be spent for the intended purposes listed in the measure and not on administrative salaries. There is a considerable difference between oversight and planning and the Bond measures are written to provide flexibility because of the length of the time. Resolution and bylaws are approved by the Board of Trustees.

Under Measure A, Facilities are an important role and maybe has not received the attention it deserves with the work that was done because both items are under one committee.

The COC is informally calling for two committees. Suggested that the language be consistent whether or not it is one or two committees. District is looking to implement changes that will move the focus into two committees.

9. Meetings for the coming year

Concerns if the committee would endorse or not endorse a new Bond item. Any concerns that could not be addressed could be forwarded to Capital Projects or Finances to help move forward with the process. Michael Mills will send out information.

Proposed date for next meeting is to be determined.

10. Announcements (All)

N/A

11. Closing Remarks (All)

None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.