



Measure C – Citizens’ Oversight Committee

Monday, March 17, 2025

11:30AM – 1:00PM

Visalia Campus – Sequoia 1

Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome** – The meeting of the Citizens’ Oversight Committee began at 11:37AM. President Calvin welcomed the group and explained the Measure C bond and the purpose of this committee.
2. **Committee Introductions** – Scott Jacobsen, Stephanie Amaral, Adam Peck, Al Branco, David Mariscal, Ron Perez, Byron Woods, Kinetha Cochran, Ann La Morena Rohlin.
3. **Review of Information in Binder** – Ms. Cochran reviewed binder materials to the committee.
4. **Election of Chair and Co-Chair** – Mr. Perez explained the role of chair. Mr. Peck motioned to elect Mr. Jacobsen as Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Amaral. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Peck motioned to elect Mr. Branco as Co-Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Amaral. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted that the role of Co-Chair was the incorrect title. The correct title for this position is Vice Chair. All future documentation will use Vice Chair for the title.
5. **Public Comments** – there were no public comments.
6. **Citizens’ Oversight Committee Training**
 - a. Ann La Morena Rohlin from Norton Rose Fulbright discussed role of the committee.
 - b. Questions from group
 - i. Mr. Jacobsen asked if student representatives serving on the committee can be from the future University Center. Ms. La Morena Rohlin noted that only students of the College of the Sequoias District can serve. President Calvin noted that University Center students will not be District students and, therefore, will not be able to serve on the committee.
7. **Review Role and Responsibilities of Committee Bylaws** – Ms. La Morena Rohlin reviewed during her presentation. There were no questions from the committee.
8. **Measure C Overview**

- a. Mr. Woods presented a review of design of University Center and Student Union.
- b. Mr. Woods reviewed cost projections. He noted that these are rough, projected costs.
- c. Questions from the Committee
 - i. Mr. Peck noted the 85% bond spenddown on the PowerPoint presentation is further out than 3 years. Mr. Woods noted that the District is working toward a 3-year spenddown but realistically it will likely be 9 months behind. President Calvin and Mr. Perez noted that the idea behind the spenddown is to make sure the District is not sitting on the money and/or earning interest from tax payer funds.
 - ii. Mr. Jacobsen asked if there are naming rights for the new buildings. Mr. Perez stated that President Calvin and Tim Foster have been working on naming rights and also noted that there is policy regarding this issue.

9. Financials

- a. Mr. Perez reviewed the Bond expenditures. He noted that College of the Sequoias does not have the ability to invest our Bond money. It goes through the County of Tulare.
- b. Mr. Woods reviewed the current expenditures and explained the different contractors the District works with and their roles. He also explained that the District has an in-house construction manager that will be on-site from design phase through construction.
- c. Questions from the Committee
 - i. Mr. Mariscal asked about tariff increases and if those will increase our costs. Mr. Woods said we will not know just yet how it will affect costs. He noted that steel is U.S. made so there should not be issues there but possibly with other items such as computers. Dr. Calvin noted that we have contingency funds if needed. The District is also looking at other ways to add funds to a special reserve funds.

10. Committee Contact Information – Ms. Cochran asked the committee to review their contact information.

11. Adjournment – Mr. Peck motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Amaral. Meeting was adjourned at 12:41PM.