



COMMUNITY BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

April 09, 2018, 6:00 P.M.

**Construction Management Department Conference Room A
812 San Antonio Street, Austin, TX 78701**

MEETING SUMMARY

The Board of Trustees appoints volunteer citizens to the Community Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) to ensure that the projects remain faithful to the voter-approved bond program scope of work and to monitor and ensure the bond projects are completed on time, with quality and within budget. More information can be found at the [2017 Bond Program Website](#)

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Tri-Chair, Lori Moya, Tri-Chair, Julian Rivera, Tri-Chair, Cheryl Bradley, Dr. Teresa Granillo, Mark Grayson; Lawrence Huang, Hatem Natsheh, Anna Valdez, Alex Winslow, Christy Merritt

Staff:

Matias Segura, Bob Cervi, Zack Pearce, Melfi Penn, Christian Casarez-Clarke, Scott Morrison, Carlos Canedo, Carlos Mederes, Jerry Hopkins, Deanna Mercer, Lili Espinoza, Sarah O'Brien, Kris Hafezizdeh, Bob Cervi, Kathleen Langan, McKissack

Visitors:

Debbie Townsend (R. L. Townsend & Associates LLC), Andrei Lubomuduv

Board Members:

Geronimo Rodrigues, District 6, Board President; Arati Singh, At-Large Position 9

President Rodrigues thanked the Tri-Chairs: Lori Moya, Cheryl Bradley and Julian Rivera for agreeing to serve as the chairs. He expressed that he appreciated their continued service and encouraged the sharing of questions and information from the different communities. He expressed that there are many other issues to be considered throughout this year including the budget, possible consolidations and placing all students in buildings modernized for the 21st century. He said, "it's the right thing to do."

Arati Singh also expressed her appreciation for the CBOC members' service and commitment to the district and their communities.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:07 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 12, 2019 CBOC meeting were approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS



A. Construction Projects Audit – Townsend & Associates

Debbie Townsend reviewed findings of their audit of the 2017 Construction Bond Projects. Bond projects are broken up into phases including design-build. Townsend has been working with AECOM on the language in contracts. Findings show that AECOM has done a very good job watching the money. Our company works with many companies and found that AECOM created a matrix to compare companies cost effectiveness, use of drones to document the progress of projects from the ground up, inside and outside, use of subs, blind costs and the various costs of insurance, etc. All in all, the audit has documented that AECOM is using strategies to get the best contractors while saving the district money.

B. Budget and Austerity Planning Relationship to Bond Implementation Update – Matias Segura

Matias shared the draft version of the District’s Reinvention Guiding Principles with the revisions that were discussed at the Board Meeting last night, April 08, 2019.

Question was asked regarding the inclusion of CTE and Athletics in the programming for schools while modernizing and maybe consolidating in the whole scheme of things considered. Opinions expressed regarding the survey online regarding the District’s Reinvention: “There were also views expressed that the survey drove participants filling it out to a pre-determined place. It appears that the online survey was not designed to get the opinion of persons filling out the survey. It seemed, to some, that it was designed to take people to a predetermined destination. Feedback seem to be tainted and not designed to get suggestions and recommendations from others. Designer of survey seems to have manipulated responses and respondents.” Matias suggested that members email feedback to him. And he will share concerns with the leaders in this process. A member suggested that the guiding principles include the preservation of community culture/s and the historical existence of the school. Matias again stressed that additional and specific recommendations and ideas should be emailed to him by individuals for consideration.

C. Portable Use and Swing Space Discussion – Matias Segura

Based on a request to a CBOC Committee member and approval by Tri-Chairs to place this item on the agenda, Matias presented information regarding the information shared at a community meeting regarding the potential placement of portables for LASA at the LBJ campus. He clarified that the consideration was based on the delay of modernization of ESMEC & International High School at Old Anderson (due to abatement and removal and preservation of artifacts for use in the new building) which caused a delay of the movement of LASA from LBJ which produced a need for a swing space to assess LASA students. Does LASA grow or not during construction? The district decided that it should not grow while waiting for the modernization of the new site they will be moving to old Eastside Memorial. He shared that an 8,000 square foot modular building will be brought onto the LBJ site as a swing space during construction/modernization of the sites for LASA and LBJ.

D. Project and Financial Updates

Carlos Canedo shared that the projects overseen by McKissack & McKissack are on schedule and moving according to the schedule. These sites include Norman, Sims, Mets, Zavala & Sanchez.



Carlos Mederes reviewed the status of 2017 Bond Projects Update for April 15, 2019 and a list of the projects that are currently on schedule, along with their percentages of completion phase. See the chart in the Meeting Materials for specific projects. Eastside Memorial is moving along and on-schedule. All bricks have been salvaged for use in building the new building using what the alumni asked to be saved. Murchison is in procurement. LBJ tennis courts' resurfacing is delayed due to the rain. Roofing and electrical projects are moving along. Roofing is scheduled the entire year now which is speeding along needed repairs.

Members expressed a need for more specific information regarding projects and what is being done, the specific costs and by whom. More details are being asked for in the reports on 2013 and 2017 Bond Projects.

E. HUB Update

Melfi Penn, Coordinator for Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program, shared the following highlights of the HUB Program:

- The HUB Program staff is continuing training on the B2Gnow software and efforts are being made by the Office of Management Systems (IT) to integrate the B2Gnow software reporting system with the BOLT financial system. AISD's Technology Team is evaluating the software prior to implementation.
- The 2013 Bond Program Participation Report – For Architect/Engineering, over 95% of aspirational goals have been reached except the African Americans (Architect/Engineering). Aspirational goals for Construction exceeded or met except the Asians.
- Members asked if goals are being met and what the numbers are for each category. More specific data is needed in the next report to show how many HUBs (the number) that has been contracted and the dollar amounts that have been expended or allocated to a HUB firm/s who got a bid or became a sub under a contractor awarded the 2017 projects thus far(How many HUBs have contracts (Number not percent)?
- The 2017 Bond Program Participation Report -for Architect/Engineering, aspirational goals have been reached except for the Asian category (Architect/Engineering). Aspirational goals for Construction exceeded or met except the African Americans and Asians (Based on percentages-real numbers are being asked for in the next report).

F. Transportation Update – Kris Hafezizadeh, AISD Executive Director of Transportation & Vehicle Services

Kris reviewed the 2017 Bond Purchase Plan which is on track according to the purchasing schedule and below the budget. It includes Phases One -Four. As of 2018-2019 there are 34 regular buses (71 passengers), 20 SpEd and 6 Activity buses added for a total of \$5,619,504.00 (actual Bond allotment is \$5, 840, 000.00. AISD has been using shoulder straps and seat belts before any other district in the state since 2012. The Transportation Department has received recognition for their safety efforts. Kris will be going to Canada this year to present at a convention on safety in student transportation. New buses are equipped with three-point seat belts, Live Global Positioning system (GPS), digital cameras, air condition conditioning and are in line with the State and Federal Emission Standards.



A question was asked regarding what happens to old buses. The Transportation Dept through AISD auctions off the old vehicles online which produces more money than on-ground auctions. Kris mentioned that even with the increase traffic congestion in Austin, schedules for getting students to their destinations on time is 95% on average during a day. Capital Metro now offers free rides to AISD students. He also stressed that the department does not know what the future holds in relations to congestion, and other issues in a growing urban city but are ready to meet the challenges. A member gave a shout-out to the Transportation Department for its national and international recognitions with members applauding for the safe transportation students Monday-Saturday.

4. Items for Future Agenda Items/s for Meeting/s As Per Discussion

- A. Update of IT Projects under 2013 & 2017 bond
- B. More detailed information in Project Reports on Financial Expenditures not just Design-Stage-suggested meeting with the three Tri-Chairs regarding what information is needed
- C. HUB reports need more specific information also in relation to how many vendors have contracts, the amount of each contract, who the vendors are, etc.---more details information instead of just percentage increase

5. Meeting Adjourned – 8:35 p.m. Members through Tri-Chairs agreed to a time extension.

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