



Community Bond Oversight Committee

May 12, 2026 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The **May 12, 2026** Community Bond Oversight Meeting will be held at **Harris Elementary School, 6105 Berkman Dr. Austin, TX 78723**. The public can provide comment(s).

Member Attendance: Amber Welsh, Amy Moore, Ann Phipps, Anna Valdez, Barbara Spears-Corbett, Kay Gooch, Lawrence Huang, Monty Exter

Staff Attendance: Alleigh Gregson, Bianca Medina-Leal, Jada Simpson, Jaime Miller, Melissa Laursen, Michael Mann, Randall Sakai, Ryan Marcum, Sonny Fletcher, Travis Neumann, Bryant Obando, Joseph Watkins

Public Attendance: Commissioner Jeff Travillion, Precinct 1, Helen Miller, Leroy Bookman, Representative from the Original L.C. Anderson Alumni Association

AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES
Call to Order	Barbara Spears-Corbett called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.
Public Comment (2 mins per comment, max 10 mins)	<p>County Commissioner Jeff Travillion addressed the Committee regarding the historic and cultural significance of L.C. Anderson High School and Yellow Jacket Stadium within Austin’s African American community. He noted the importance of preserving historic community institutions and ensuring that facilities continue to reflect prior commitments made during bond planning discussions. Commissioner Travillion also expressed concerns regarding recent discussions related to seating capacity, historic preservation elements, and stakeholder participation associated with Yellow Jacket Stadium planning efforts.</p> <p>Helen Miller addressed the Committee regarding the relocation of the Alternative Learning Center (ALC) and Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) programming to the Sims site. She expressed concerns regarding community engagement, communication with staff and stakeholders, and prior bond allocations associated with the Alternative Learning Center and Anita Coy facility planning.</p> <p>Leroy Bookman addressed the Committee regarding Yellow Jacket Stadium planning and prior Community Advisory Team discussions. He stated that earlier stakeholder meetings had reflected support for the proposed direction of the project and expressed concerns regarding more recent discussions involving seating capacity reductions and press box scope changes. He emphasized the importance of preserving the historic nature and functionality of the stadium for the community and alumni.</p> <p>Additional public comments regarding Yellow Jacket Stadium planning were submitted via email and read aloud by Alleigh Gregson. Full submitted comments are included in the Appendix. Monty Exter requested that staff address the historic significance of Yellow Jacket Stadium during the related project discussion later in the meeting and also requested that a public comment submitted by the Honorable Latisha Anderson be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for review.</p>

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<p>Approval of Minutes: April 10 (Voting Item)</p>	<p>The Committee did not have a quorum present to vote on the April 10, 2026 meeting minutes. Approval of the minutes was deferred to the June meeting.</p>
<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Media/Events ● CAT & Community Meetings 	<p>Melissa Laursen provided updates on communications efforts, media coverage, and upcoming community engagement activities related to the 2022 Bond Program. Staff highlighted the Harris Elementary School grand opening event, noting that students participated in campus tours and shared how educational spaces are being utilized. Staff also shared updates regarding recent bond-related media coverage, including district social media outreach and upcoming community engagement opportunities.</p> <p>Melissa Laursen reported that several upcoming Campus Architectural Team (CAT) meetings are scheduled, including meetings related to Oak Springs and Blackshear elementary schools, and associated fine arts planning discussions. Staff also noted that groundbreaking activities for Andrews Elementary School are underway.</p> <p>Lisa Flores asked where CAT and community meetings are posted for public access. Melissa Laursen stated that meeting dates, times, and locations are available through the district’s bond calendar.</p>
<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2017 Financials ● 2022 Financials 	<p>Angela Mendez, Director of Finance, presented updates on the 2017 and 2022 Bond financials. She reported that the projected deficit associated with the 2017 Bond Program continues to decrease, noting that some eligible costs have been shifted to maintenance tax note funding sources. Staff also reported that approximately \$2.6 million remains under contract within the 2017 Bond Program as projects continue through closeout.</p> <p>For the 2022 Bond Program, staff reported continued expenditures across all propositions and reviewed current spending and remaining committed balances. Angela Mendez noted that Proposition A expenditures continue to progress and that interest earnings are being actively allocated to support contingency and escalation needs.</p>
<p>CMD 2022 <u>Modernization/Comprehensive</u> Projects Updates including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Safety Report ● Worker Protection Report ● Mendez MS ● Sims ES (Alternative Learning Center) ● Third-party educational contractors at bond-funded campuses ● Yellow Jacket Stadium ● Oak Springs ES 	<p>Michael Mann and Ryan Marcum provided program-wide construction updates related to the 2022 Bond Program. Staff reported that Linder Elementary School recently achieved substantial completion and is preparing for occupancy. Additional campuses, including Burnet Middle School and Andrews Elementary School, continue progressing through major construction milestones. Staff noted that the upcoming summer construction season will be among the district’s busiest to date.</p> <p>Monty Exter asked whether the district anticipates completing the majority of 2022 Bond projects prior to the beginning of the 2028–2029 school year. Michael Mann stated that while substantial progress is expected by that time, the bond program will not be fully complete. Lawrence Huang asked whether staff are documenting lessons learned related to project capacity, scheduling, and implementation for future bond planning efforts. Michael Mann and Ryan Marcum stated that staff are actively evaluating program processes and documenting lessons learned throughout implementation to improve future bond planning and delivery. Kay Gooch asked whether it is typical for bond programs to include work across nearly all campuses.</p>

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Michael Mann also reviewed contingency and escalation tracking across the bond program, including the use of interest earnings and reallocations between budget categories to address project needs. Amy Moore asked whether reallocations at Covington Middle School resulted in scope reductions. Michael Mann stated that project scope was not reduced and that available funds exceeded finalized project needs, allowing funds to be reassigned elsewhere within the program. Monty Exter asked about water quality and stormwater requirements associated with athletic facility projects. Michael Mann explained that, in some cases, the district may utilize fee-in-lieu agreements with the City of Austin rather than constructing on-site water quality ponds while still meeting applicable stormwater mitigation requirements.

Staff then presented updates regarding Mendez Middle School and the Alternative Learning Center (ALC) program. Sonny Fletcher and project staff reviewed upcoming summer work at Mendez Middle School, including secure entry improvements, fine arts upgrades, furniture replacement, and future locker room renovations planned for Fall 2026. Barbara Spears-Corbett asked how portions of the campus currently allocated for the Alternative Learning Center will be utilized moving forward. Michael Mann stated that portions of the campus will continue supporting multiple occupants and community-based services, including a community pantry space. Lisa Flores asked whether bond funds used for campus modifications originated from the Mendez Middle School bond allocation or Alternative Learning Center funds. Michael Mann stated that the work was funded through the Mendez Middle School allocation. Lisa Flores also asked whether temporary campus modifications could later be removed if needed. Ryan Marcum confirmed that certain partitions and modifications could be reversed and that staff intend to restore spaces to their prior configurations where appropriate.

Jaime Miller reviewed prior bond allocations associated with the Alternative Learning Center and Anita Coy facility planning. She explained that previously allocated bond funds were used for technology and campus modifications supporting the Alternative Learning Center at Mendez Middle School. Jaime Miller also clarified that no additional bond funds will be used to relocate the Alternative Learning Center program to the Sims site and that modifications at Sims are being completed through non-bond funding sources. Barbara Spears-Corbett raised community concerns regarding restrooms sized for elementary students at Sims now being used by high school students. Jaime Miller stated that campus and district staff are aware of the concerns and noted that there are current funding limitations related to facility upgrades. Lisa Flores asked about prior community communications regarding the Alternative Learning Center transition and the Anita Coy site. Jaime Miller stated that operational decisions regarding program placement were outside the scope of the bond program. Monty Exter expressed concerns regarding prior community expectations associated with maintaining a dedicated Alternative Learning Center campus and asked how those discussions related to subsequent district planning decisions. Michael Mann stated that broader operational and policy decisions would be matters for Board consideration.

Jaime Miller also provided updates regarding third-party educational partnerships at bond-funded campuses. She stated that Mendez Middle School is transitioning back to district management from a prior 1882 partnership arrangement and the remaining bond work is continuing. Staff also reported that Burnet Middle School, Dobie Middle School, and Webb Middle School are anticipated to transition to 1882 partnerships pending final agency approvals. Jaime Miller confirmed there are no changes to the bond projects resulting from the change to an 1882 partnership. Lisa Flores asked whether costs would be required to restore the library at Mendez Middle School following prior programmatic changes. Ryan Marcum confirmed that the Mendez Middle School library remains fully functional.

Sonny Fletcher and project staff then presented updates regarding Yellow Jacket Stadium and Central Athletic Facilities planning efforts. Staff reviewed the long-term campus concept plan and described proposed improvements including accessibility upgrades, restroom renovations, lighting improvements, field and track enhancements, fencing, visitor amenities, locker room improvements, and restoration work associated with historic stadium elements. Barbara Spears-Corbett discussed prior commitments made through previous facility planning efforts recognizing Yellow Jacket Stadium as a historic and community-centered facility. She stated that community members continue to expect preservation of the stadium's historic significance and raised concerns regarding recent bond scope discussions involving seating capacity and press box size. Michael Mann reviewed current project budget constraints and stated that the project team is working to maximize improvements within available funding while maintaining opportunities for future expansion. Staff explained that current planning assumptions include approximately 950 seats, with alternate options being evaluated based on available budget capacity. Monty Exter questioned whether prior discussions created expectations regarding future press box expansion and seating capacity. Michael Mann acknowledged that the original long-term vision included larger future build-out opportunities; however, current project scope decisions are being evaluated against existing budget limitations. Barbara Spears-Corbett raised concerns regarding Campus Architectural Team participation and stated that some stakeholders believed decisions were presented as finalized without sufficient engagement from all intended participants. She expressed concern that not all Yellow Jacket Stadium stakeholders were included in prior discussions and questioned whether the process reflected the level of transparency expected by the community and voters. Lawrence Huang stated that Yellow Jacket Stadium represents a unique facility with significant community interest and emphasized the importance of transparency and clear stakeholder communication throughout the planning process. Barbara Spears-Corbett also stated that meeting documentation and communication materials should more clearly reflect which stakeholder groups participated in discussions and decisions. Michael Mann stated that all Yellow Jacket Stadium Campus Architectural Team members were invited to participate in Central Athletic Facilities meetings and agreed to review communication and meeting participation practices moving forward.

Ann Phipps asked whether the project scope should remain open for additional review and community discussion before being considered final. Lisa Flores asked whether staff could consider holding an additional Campus Architectural Team meeting to allow broader participation and

	<p>review of proposed scope changes. Michael Mann stated that staff would review the project schedule and evaluate options for additional engagement opportunities while considering potential impacts to the project timeline. Barbara Spears-Corbett stated that some members experienced scheduling challenges and requested additional review of meeting times, participation opportunities, and meeting documentation. Melissa Laursen responded that the team would make sure that future CAF CAT meetings are held no earlier than 10 am to better accommodate the members that represent the Original L.C. Anderson Alumni Association.</p> <p>Staff also provided an update on Oak Springs/Blackshear modernization project. Project staff reported that site preparation activities at Oak Springs are ongoing and that upcoming Campus Architectural Team meetings are scheduled. Additionally, a community meeting will be held in the future. Michael Mann stated that the current estimated opening date for the modernized school remains January 2028. Ann Phipps asked whether the project footprint or campus size had changed during planning. Michael Mann stated that the project footprint remains consistent with prior planning assumptions. Amy Moore emphasized the importance of continued community engagement and support for both Oak Springs Elementary School and Blackshear Elementary School communities throughout the planning and transition process.</p> <p>Due to time constraints, the Committee deferred discussion of the Safety Report and Worker Protection Report update.</p>
<p>CMD 2022 Targeted Projects Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kealing MS Fencing ● Turf & Track Projects 	<p>The Committee deferred discussion of the Kealing Middle School fencing and Turf & Track Projects updates and agreed that staff would send via email following the meeting.</p>
<p>CMD 2017 Bond Projects Updates including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eastside ECHS 	<p>The Committee deferred discussion of the Eastside ECHS and agreed that staff would send via email following the meeting.</p>
<p>CBOC Committee Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Survey Update ● Bylaws Revision Update ● SPED Camera Board Response 	<p>Ann Phipps provided an update regarding the Committee survey process and reported that the schedule has been adjusted to allow for additional targeted feedback opportunities and multiple response submissions where appropriate.</p> <p>Jaime Miller noted that a meeting related to the bylaws revision process was scheduled for the following day as staff continue coordination and review efforts.</p> <p>The Committee quickly touched on the SPED camera board response that was provided. Lisa Flores requested that the item be placed on a future agenda for additional discussion, noting that the Committee had received a Superintendent response but had not yet received a Board response.</p>
<p>Future Items for Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SPED Camera Board Response ● Delco Activity Center update
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Barbara Spears-Corbett moved to adjourn the meeting, and Kay Gooch seconded the motion at 8:00 p.m.</p>

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Appendix

1. To the Members of the Bond Oversight Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express serious concern regarding Austin ISD's continued failure to uphold commitments made to the Old Anderson High School Alumni and the surrounding community concerning Yellow Jacket Stadium.

The Old Anderson community has consistently advocated for the preservation, protection, and appropriate use of Yellow Jacket Stadium as a central facility. This was not simply a verbal understanding. It was part of a legally binding agreement that represented trust, transparency, and accountability between Austin ISD and the community it serves. Any attempt to alter the purpose, structure, accessibility, or operations of the stadium without direct discussion and engagement with the Alumni and community stakeholders undermines that agreement and damages public trust.

The community should not be excluded from decisions that directly affect a historic facility tied to the legacy and identity of Old Anderson High School. The Director of Athletics should not make changes to Yellow Jacket Stadium that were never discussed with the Alumni or community representatives. Decisions involving historically significant community assets require collaboration, transparency, and respect for prior commitments.

It is also deeply concerning that prior conversations and disagreements involving the Old Anderson Alumni are being referenced as justification for inaction or avoidance of responsibility. Personal discomfort, strained relationships, or disagreements should never interfere with professional obligations or the duty to serve the community fairly and objectively. Public officials and district leadership have a responsibility to execute their duties regardless of personal dynamics.

Within an educational system, failing to keep your word sends a damaging message to students, families, alumni, and the broader community. Schools are expected to teach integrity, accountability, leadership, and trustworthiness. When commitments are broken, especially written agreements tied to community history and equity, it weakens confidence in the institution and contradicts the very values educational systems claim to uphold. Trust, once broken, is difficult to rebuild.

The Old Anderson Alumni and community deserve transparency, inclusion, and respect throughout any discussions or decisions involving Yellow Jacket Stadium. I respectfully request that the Bond Oversight Advisory Committee review this matter carefully and ensure Austin ISD honors both the spirit and the legal obligations connected to this historic facility.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Honorable LaTisha Anderson- Former District 1 Trustee for Austin ISD

2. Dear CBOC members:

I am Roxanne Evans, a 40 year resident of District 1.

As if it isn't enough that the AISD administration is showing it's disrespect and disregard for the Yellow Jacket Stadium by changing it from a Board-approved central facility to something less, we now learn that the bond-approved project is diminishing in size and scope.

For example, we recently learned:

- The number of seats has shrunk from 950 to 750, thus reducing the need for the additional bathrooms
- The press box size has shrunk to 250 square feet
- The multipurpose room has been eliminated
- There has been discussion (that has excluded the community) of changing the stadium from a central facility to something called a "hybrid" facility

There was some discussion that the stadium is being shrunk because of the potential for "vandalism." This justification is offensive, as well as totally fictitious.

These actions at recent Campus Architectural Team meetings, without the participation of many of the CAT members, goes against what was promised by previous boards and promised in the 2020 bond.

It is important that an audit be conducted of the Yellow Jacket Stadium bond project and the results released to the Austin community as soon as possible. The community expectation is that the district respond as quickly and decisively as it did when the Hill Elementary School parents came forward with their concerns about how bond funds were spent at their campus.

Thank you.

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