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School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee

Regular Meeting

LAUSD HQ – Board Room

333 S. Beaudry Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90017

Thursday, April 30, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Please see the archived video of the meeting for all discussions/questions:

<https://lausdca.new.swagit.com/videos/384446> (English)

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Committee Members Present (13): Neelura Bell, Sandy Betts, Robert Campbell, Michael Hamner, Mellina Lathe, Charlotte Lerchenmuller, Patrick MacFarlane, Jeanalee Obergfell (alternate to Jennifer McDowell), Scott Pansky, Jason Peterson, Tamar Poladian-Perron, Dr. Samantha Rowles, Brendan Sullivan (alternate to Dr. Bevin Ashenmiller).

Committee Members Absent (2): Ashley Kaiser, Aleigh Lewis.

00:00:03 Call to Order

Mr. Michael Hamner, BOC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and welcomed all to the meeting.

00:00:16 Mr. Hamner read the mission statement from the BOC Charter and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) stating that it establishes a shared vision between the Committee and the District to build, modernize, and maintain schools that support the full development of a child, are educationally and environmentally sound, serve as community hubs, and use land efficiently. He added that the MOU also states the BOC has a duty to recommend *against* bond fund expenditures when the District fails to provide sufficient oversight information or when a project does not appear permissible or prudent.

Mr. Hamner stated that two BOC members were participating remotely in compliance with the Brown Act. He also thanked the KLCS Staff for their production work, Information Technology Services Staff for their technical support, Spanish Interpretation Staff for their work in translating and other District staff for their assistance in broadcasting the hybrid BOC meeting.

Introductory Remarks

00:01:26 Mr. Hamner asked Mr. Campbell, Vice-Chair, to provide additional remarks.

Mr. Campbell, BOC Vice-Chair, congratulated BOC Chair Hamner on receiving two distinguished honors recognizing his leadership, service and impact on the architectural community. He stated that Michael Hamner and Krystal Hamner were named recipients of the 2026 USC Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest honor presented by the USC School of Architecture for extraordinary achievement and community service. In addition, Mr. Campbell noted that the AIA California awarded Mr. Hamner the 2026 Educator Award for outstanding contributions to the formal education of architecture students through his work at East Los Angeles College. There, Mr. Hamner developed an exceptionally successful architectural program that prepares future architects who reflect the diversity of society while creating opportunities for underserved and underrepresented students to enter the profession.

Mr. Campbell announced that the BOC website could be found at <https://www.bondoversight.lausd.org>. He also indicated that meeting materials and live stream in both English and Spanish were located under the tab *Upcoming Meetings*. He added that upcoming meeting dates would be published on the BOC website. He also stated that the BOC website provides previously approved project resolutions and a wealth of information regarding the bond program.

Mr. Campbell explained that public speakers were asked to sign up using a hyperlink to a Google form included on the meeting agenda. He stated that in-person speakers would be asked to step up to the podium to be heard.

00:04:23 Mr. Hamner made the following announcements:

Mr. Hamner welcomed back Scott Pansky, reappointed to the BOC on April 21, marking the start of his third and final term on the BOC. He added that Mr. Pansky had already completed a full six-year term as the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Representative in 2019, and after a two-year break, he returned to the BOC in 2022.

Mr. Hamner recognized BOC members who attended recent LAUSD special events:

On March 6, BOC member Robert Campbell and former BOC Chair Margaret Fuentes attended a groundbreaking ceremony for the Major Modernization Project at Garfield High School.

- On March 12, BOC member Robert Campbell attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the San Pedro CAS Early Education Center Grand Reopening and Outdoor Classroom Project.
- On March 25, BOC member Sandy Betts attended a groundbreaking ceremony for the Sun Valley Bus Garage Electrification Project.

Some members provided remarks on their experiences at the events and encouraged other BOC members to attend when possible.

Agenda Item 1. Public Comment

There were no public speakers.

00:12:56 **Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar – February 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes and BOC Third Quarter Report FY 2025-2026 (January – March)**

Mr. Campbell made a motion to move the Consent Calendar for approval.

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Ms. Poladian-Perron seconded.

00:13:40 Mr. Hamner asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 12 – Ms. Bell, Ms. Betts, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Lathe, Ms. Lerchenmuller, Mr. MacFarlane, Ms. Obergfell, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Poladian-Perron, Dr. Rowles, Mr. Sullivan.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 1 – Mr. Pansky.

Absences: 2 - Ms. Kaiser, Ms. Lewis.

The Consent Calendar was approved.

00:14:54 **Agenda Item 3. BOC Proposed Revisions to the BOC Charter and MOU (Discussion)**
Presenter: Joseph Buchman, BOC Legal Counsel, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP

The item began with Mr. Hamner announcing that he had received a telephone call from Jaime Torrens, Senior Advisor to the Superintendent, just before the BOC meeting started. Mr. Torrens had indicated that the District's proposed revisions to the MOU were finalized and were being forwarded to the BOC Chair.

Joseph Buchman, BOC Legal Counsel, began his presentation stating that he had been directed to provide a historical overview of the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) and the evolution of its Charter and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) emphasizing the decades of collaboration, negotiation and institutional effort that shaped the BOC's current role and authority.

Mr. Buchman explained that the purpose of the presentation was to help BOC members, District, and the general public understand the adoption of the current MOU provisions. This would be timely because discussions continue regarding proposed revisions to the MOU. He noted that the District's recently submitted partial comments on the proposed changes were missing an understanding of the history of the agreement. He clarified that this reflected the natural loss of institutional knowledge over time rather than criticism of the LAUSD.

Mr. Buchman highlighted that the BOC has overseen more than \$36.6B. in bond programs approved by voters including Proposition BB, Measures K, R, Y, Q, RR, and US. He also emphasized that in every bond campaign, the existence of an independent oversight committee was presented to voters as a key accountability measure supporting public trust. He went over the Committee's origins following the small-margin loss of the District's 1996 bond measure and the subsequent creation of the Blue Ribbon Citizens' Oversight Committee in 1997. He stressed that a pivotal court ruling during litigation involving the Belmont Learning Complex reinforced the principle that oversight must occur before major financial commitments are made, warning that delayed review could result in "unnecessary taxpayers' expense."

Mr. Buchman highlighted lasting recommendations of a 2001 Little Hoover Commission letter describing the oversight committee as both an accountability body and a collaborative partner. He quoted the report's observation that, "The oversight committee should never be required to submit a Public Records Act request to receive information," and emphasized its broader conclusion that the BOC should be viewed "not as stakeholders who need to buy off on District decisions, but as problem solvers" helping the District meet community needs.

Mr. Buchman explained that following the passage of Proposition 39 and the expansion of the school bond oversight requirements statewide, the District and the BOC negotiated the first formal MOU in 2002 renaming the BB Committee to the LAUSD School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee. He said that the agreement strengthened the Committee's independence, expanded membership, formalized appointment procedures for outside nominating organizations, and established independent legal counsel and oversight support for the BOC. Subsequent amendments were made in 2007, 2011, and 2017 refining membership categories, oversight procedures, review timelines, and accountability mechanisms resulting in the current MOU.

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Mr. Buchman explained that the 2002 MOU clearly established the provision that “the Board shall appoint one member nominated by” each nominating entity. He noted that this language was intentionally negotiated as a compromise to encourage participation by outside agencies while reinforcing the BOC’s independence from the District and Board of Education during bond measure campaigns beginning with Measure K. He emphasized that the wording was “consciously and deliberately chosen” and has been consistently honored over the years, and only once was challenged by a Board Member, which was ultimately rejected by the rest of the Board.

Mr. Buchman stated that the BOC’s current MOU process emanates from the independent review of the BOC published on October 4, 2022 as required under the agreement. He noted that the BOC and LAUSD have been engaged in the review and MOU revisions for the past three and a half years. He concluded his presentation reflecting that principles established in the Committee’s early years remain highly relevant today. Mainly the idea that the BOC should function as “a partner and ally, and a collaborator with the District.” He expressed concern that such spirit may have diminished over time and offered his experience and historical perspective to the BOC and District Staff to find a way to move forward.

BOC Chair Hamner commended BOC Legal Counsel Buchman on his presentation. He stated that the BOC is a dynamic body united by the shared mission of serving as partners and teammates in protecting the public trust. He corroborated that historical context was essential to understand how the MOU reflects the unique needs of the District, its purpose and its future potential. He said that he looked forward to continued collaboration with the MOU Task Force and Executive Committee as the process proceeds.

BOC Member Pansky said that he has served over a decade on the BOC and shared that he had limited technical knowledge when he first was appointed. He encouraged other members to ask questions, even basic ones, as open dialogue would not only help members but also the public understanding of the matters of the committee. He expressed surprise that the MOU review has taken so long and emphasized that the BOC’s role is not adversarial but collaborative.

Vice-Chair Campbell stated that based on the initial partial revisions provided by the District, he was concerned about the potential impact on the Committee’s ability to serve as a strong and independent oversight body. He expressed that effective oversight was essential to ensuring accountability, delivering best value, and honoring the commitments made to taxpayers through bond measures.

Mr. Buchman noted that all documents referenced in his presentation were available for review.

00:31:40 Mr. Hanmer recognized Jaime Torrens, Special Advisor to the Superintendent, and invited him to the podium. Mr. Torrens stated that the District was looking forward to working with the [BOC] Task Force and apologized for the delay in completing the revisions. He said that District Staff was pleased to begin the dialogue and move forward with scheduling meetings to discuss the proposed revisions soon.

00:41:09 **Agenda Item 4. FY25 - Bond Performance & Financial Audit Reports (Information Only)**
Presenter: Joseph Moussa, Field Manager, Simpson & Simpson, LLP

Joseph Moussa, Field Manager, Simpson & Simpson, LLP, presented the FY25–LAUSD Bond Performance & Financial Statements Audit Reports which can be found on the BOC website at <https://4.files.edl.io/98b2/04/30/26/192226-6269479c-Offa-49fe-b833-a2150c3f0767.pdf>. He stated that the audit reports covered measures K, R, Y, Q, RR, and US, and were required by the California Constitution. He reported that the financial statement audit resulted in an unmodified opinion indicating generally accepted accounting principles; also, there were no internal control deficiencies or management comments noted. He explained that the performance audit aimed to ensure bond funds were used strictly for voter-approved projects. He also presented a statement for the year ending June 30, 2025 for the Facilities Services Division (FSD) that had total bond expenditures of \$1.1B. The Information Technology Division (ITD) incurred \$152M in bond expenditures. Other categories generated expenditures of \$250M (representing 16% of the current year spending due to COPs defeasance) for a total of \$1.5B expended in bond funds during the audit period.

Mr. Moussa went over the Current Year findings and updates on Prior Year Findings:

Current Year Findings:

- Indirect Cost Charges (Measure K, Y, Q & RR – 2025-001)
- Payroll Expenditure Charges (Measure Q & RR – 2025-002)

Prior Year Findings (2024):

- Indirect Cost Charges (Measure K, R, Y, Q – 2024-001) – Partially implemented. Documentation for the ITS Soto reconfiguration to be reviewed in the FY26 audit. OIG's target date for a revised policy for its work plan was changed to December 31, 2026.
- Payroll Expenditures (Measure Q - 2024-001 & 2023-001) – Partially implemented. See MQ-2025-002 for additional details.

Mr. Moussa responded to questions related to how the District typically reacts when auditors present findings and recommendations and whether there was a negotiation between auditors and the District. He stated that the District is generally cooperative, accepts the audit's findings, and works with the auditor on remediation plans. He emphasized that auditors did not remove or alter identified exceptions. There were questions related to audit timeline work and whether information was only received by auditors after the fiscal year ended, whether recommendations could be issued on a rolling basis to allow the District to implement corrective measures sooner rather than wait until after the end of the audit, whether additional improper bond fund expenditures may still exist beyond the instances identified by the auditors (the auditor provided indirect costs improperly charged to bond funds the prior year, which triggered an expanded sample size in the current audit), a concern about the effectiveness of existing oversight procedures, whether audit samples for payroll expenditures were using a risk-based methodology and designed to be representative of the broader bond-funded expenditures, how would the questionable payroll expenses be extrapolated to the larger bond-funded payroll costs, whether findings suggested broader systemic weakness in payroll coding and cost allocation controls, and whether auditors conduct additional reviews to identify other potentially improper charges and ensure funds are returned to the bond program.

Mr. Moussa clarified that it would be appropriate for the District to address how some expenses passed through its checks and balances. This was in response to how clearly inappropriate expenses could pass through the District's approval process without being flagged internally.

Mr. Moussa stated that questions regarding the BOC's participation were governance matters for the District rather than the independent auditor to determine. This was in response to whether the auditor had communicated this year's audit scope, timing, and planning process to the BOC as a body charged with governance under Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS). There were additional questions related to whether a formal audit entrance conference had occurred and whether the BOC had been included. The auditor confirmed that meeting regarding the audit planning and scope had been held with District Staff. BOC members pointed to prior correspondence suggesting no formal entrance meeting had yet taken place, which created inconsistencies in the communication record. BOC Vice-Chair Campbell expressed concerns about how the continued exclusion of the BOC from audit planning lacked a sound business justification, undermined transparency, and potentially limited the identification of important risk areas to the oversight of taxpayer-funded bond expenditures.

The discussion concluded and Mr. Hamner stated that additional comments and questions may be forwarded to the auditor to continue the dialogue limited by time constraints and a full agenda.

Mr. Moussa provided answers to all questions and referred some questions to District Staff.¹

01:37:38 Agenda Item 5. A Project to Purchase Electric School Buses, and Amend the Transportation Services Branch's Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein

Presenter: Christos Chrysiliou, Chief Eco-Sustainability Officer, ESO

Daniel Kang, Director of Transportation, TSB

[Ms. Sandy Betts left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.]

[Ms. Lerchenmuller left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.]

Christos Chrysiliou, Chief Eco-Sustainability Officer, began his presentation stating that the LAUSD Eco-Sustainability Office celebrates Earth Day every day throughout Earth Month and beyond. He shared the release of the 2024-2025 Annual Report of which copies were provided and can be downloaded at

https://media.edlio.net/690afe90/0522e174/37ccbe4d/11b415ca98f246aaa7367ac70ac034bb?_LAUSD%20ESO%20-%20Annual%20Report%20-%2024-25.pdf. He highlighted that the report reflected meaningful progress toward becoming the most sustainable, environmentally responsible large urban school district in the nation.

Mr. Chrysiliou outlined a proposal to purchase 79 electric school buses with a request to authorize an allocation of \$12.5M in Measure RR funds to support the initiative. He explained that the procurement was part of a long-term strategy to fully electrify the San Julian bus yard while also implementing a workforce development and bus maintenance training program within the District. He added that the planning for the transition has been underway for nearly three years and has involved coordination with the Department of Water and Power as well as engagement with local, state, and federal agencies to secure grant funding.

Mr. Chrysiliou reported that the District successfully obtained approximately \$21M in grant support from multiple sources including \$6M from the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle Program, \$4.9M from the Carl Moyer Program through the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), and approximately \$10M from Zero-Emission School Bus Infrastructure (ZESBI 1 and 2). He stated that these federal and state grants would cover about 62% of the total project cost of \$34M and the proposed Measure RR allocation would account for the remaining 38% out of the \$22M available in the District's School Upgrade Program (SUP) for the Transportation Services Branch category.

Mr. Chrysiliou emphasized that the project aligned with the District's 2019 resolution committing LAUSD to transition to 100% clean renewable energy by 2030 and achieve clean energy across all sectors by 2040. He also added that beyond the environmental benefits, the project was expected to generate substantial operational savings. He estimated maintaining and fueling a diesel bus was approximately \$32,000 annually per bus totaling \$2.5M for 79 buses each year. In contrast, he reported that operating and maintaining an electric bus was estimated at approximately \$6,500 annually, totaling a little over \$500,000 for 79 buses a year, anticipating savings of \$2M to the general fund through reduced fuel and maintenance expenses.

Mr. Chrysiliou said that other key elements to the project were the addition of vehicle-to-grid technology to allow buses to return energy to the utility grid and the development of an enhanced curriculum focused on electric school bus maintenance and repair in collaboration with the Division of Adult and Career Education. Please refer to Board Report No. 422-25/26 for further detailed information.

¹ It is noted for the record that BOC questions and issues regarding the previous year's bond audits (FY24), recorded in the March 27, 2025 BOC meeting minutes, were very similar and were never addressed by the District following that meeting. The minutes included the following: "Expenditures in Measure Q for \$644 million in indirect costs raised questions as to how they are being monitored, whether the BOC has approval authority, whether schools have access to indirect cost lines expenditures without oversight. BOC member Yee stated that seeking clarification on the governance structure would help ensure funds were being spent in accordance with the intended bond purpose. Mr. Moussa referred the question to the District for the exact allowance to charge on indirect costs and indicated that his understanding was that indirect was allowable so the audit verified that all costs charged to the bond program were related to bond-funded activities."

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There were questions and comments related to driver training and licensing for electric buses, training and maintenance for the new charging infrastructure and equipment, lifespan and replacement cost, prior experience with electric buses, disposal of older buses, reliability, driver shortages, bus service delays, challenges of large-scale electric bus operations, safety concerns and battery recall questions, battery life, bus lifespan, future replacement planning, regional deployment and infrastructure expansion, GPS tracking, and parent notifications.

All questions were answered by Mr. Chrysiliou and Mr. Kang.

Mr. Campbell made a motion to move Resolution 2026-10.

Mr. Pansky seconded.

02:06:54 Mr. Hamner asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 11 – Ms. Bell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Lathe, Mr. MacFarlane, Ms. Obergfell, Mr. Pansky, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Poladian-Perron, Dr. Rowles, Mr. Sullivan.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 4 - Ms. Betts, Ms. Kaiser, Ms. Lerchenmuller, Ms. Lewis.

Resolution 2026-10 passed.

02:08:21 **Agenda Item 6. Three Projects to Provide Critical Replacements and Upgrades of School Building/Site Systems and Components and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein**
Presenter: Mark Cho, Deputy Director of Facilities, Maintenance & Operations, FSD

Mark Cho, Deputy Director of Maintenance and Operations, began his presentation on Three Projects to Provide Critical Replacements and Upgrades of School Building/Site Systems and Components and an Amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan. He noted that the Board of Education had already approved 61 roofing projects with 9 currently under construction and 11 in the bidding phase. He emphasized that unlike many capital projects, roofing replacements did not require substantial design work or DSA approval, which allows more funding to go directly toward construction rather than spent on these items. They could also be executed faster by bypassing DSA review.

Mr. Cho indicated that the anticipated construction schedule for the proposed project would begin in the fourth quarter of 2026 and be completed by the third quarter of 2027. He detailed the project scope for the three roof replacements: Brockton Elementary School (approximately 45,700 sq ft), Warner Elementary School (approximately 48,000 sq ft), and Stanford Elementary School (approximately 48,200 sq ft) with a combined budget of \$6.2M. Please refer to Board Report No. 396-25/26 for further detailed information.

There were no questions for Mr. Cho.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to move Resolution 2026-06.

Mr. Pansky seconded.

02:12:34 Mr. Hamner asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 11 – Ms. Bell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Lathe, Mr. MacFarlane, Ms. Obergfell, Mr. Pansky, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Poladian-Perron, Dr. Rowles, Mr. Sullivan.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 4 - Ms. Betts, Ms. Kaiser, Ms. Lerchenmuller, Ms. Lewis.

Resolution 2026-06 passed.

02:13:33 **Agenda Item 7. 27 Board District Priority and Region Priority Projects and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein**
Presenter: Mark Cho, Deputy Director of Facilities, Maintenance & Operations, FSD

Mr. Cho presented 27 Board District Priority and Region Priority Projects and an Amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan. He provided a brief project description, budget and construction schedule for each proposed project. The total combined budget for all projects was \$1.5M. The projects included a classroom upgrade, three electrical and lighting projects, four fencing-related projects, 11 furniture projects, one locker project, two electronic, free-standing marquees, two secure entries, and three technology projects. Please refer to Board Report No. 395-25/26 for further detailed information.

There were questions and comments related to lifespan of a Chromebook, number of Chromebooks to be purchased for the proposed project at Parks Learning Center, sponsorship opportunities for Chromebook purchases, number of schools lacking locker storage for sports equipment (Mr. Cho will provide an update), more details on the classroom upgrades at Rio Vista ES, description of interactive displays, new Board policy on restriction of screens in relation to the Chromebook purchase, and cost difference between the two proposed marquees.,

All questions were answered by Mr. Cho and Mr. Le.

Ms. Bell made a motion to move Resolution 2026-07.

Ms. Poladian-Perron seconded.

02:26:37 Mr. Hamner asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 11 – Ms. Bell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Lathe, Mr. MacFarlane, Ms. Obergfell, Mr. Pansky, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Poladian-Perron, Dr. Rowles, Mr. Sullivan.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 4 - Ms. Betts, Ms. Kaiser, Ms. Lerchenmuller, Ms. Lewis.

Resolution 2026-07 passed.

02:27:36 **Agenda Item 8. 2026-2027 Education Code Section 47614 (Proposition 39) Facilities Renovation Effort and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein**
Presenter: Mark Cho, Deputy Director of Facilities, Maintenance & Operations, FSD
Jeanette Borden, Operations Manager, Charter Schools Division

Mr. Cho introduced the 2026-2027 Education Code Section 47614 (Proposition 39) Facilities Renovation Effort and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein. He stated that annually, LAUSD presents the Prop 39 facilities program as a legal obligation to provide sufficient, reasonably equivalent spaces for charter schools serving in-district students. This requirement stems from a state law enacted in 2000 to ensure fair access to public school facilities for all public school students, including those in charter schools.

Jeanette Borden, Charter Schools Operations Manager, provided some background information, and an overview of the timeline set by State law:

- By Nov 1, Charter schools submit written request for use of LAUSD school facilities, including their projected in-district classroom Average Daily Attendance (ADA).

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- By Dec 1, after careful review of each Charter School application and ADA, LAUSD agrees or objects to their ADA projections in writing.
- By Jan 2, the charter school responds to any objections by reaffirming or modifying the ADA projections.
- By Feb 1, LAUSD prepares in writing a Preliminary Proposal to charter schools with eligible facilities application requests.
- By Mar 1, Charter schools respond to the Preliminary Proposal expressing any concerns, addressing differences, and make counterproposals.
- By Apr 1, LAUSD submits in writing a Final Offer of facilities for each charter school.
- By May 1, the Charter schools either accept or reject the final offers. If the final offer is accepted, LAUSD will prepare the rooms for charter occupancy ten working days before their first day of instruction.

Mr. Cho stated that this year's 2026-2027 projects included 20 new charter school sites or reconfigurations, 20 continuing sites without changes, and six sites returning to LAUSD for its use. The proposed projects were divided into four main categories: IT upgrades, Facilities upgrades, furniture support, and relocation coordination as detailed in Board Report Rep-397-25/26. The total proposed budget is \$2.6M.

There were questions and comments related to concerns about long-term viability of Charter School investments due to declining enrollment and annual renewal of Charter School facilities, oversight of upgrade requests, change of the proposed list of Charter Schools and budget [Ms. Borden agreed to provide an update of the final approved list that may not be known until summer], whether recent lease rate increases would offset the cost of classroom upgrades and repairs, and collection of District's facilities use fees from charter schools while simultaneously spending bond funds to prepare facilities for charter schools.

All questions were answered by Mr. Cho and Ms. Borden.

Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-08.

Ms. Obergfell seconded.

02:42:43 Mr. Hamner asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 11 – Ms. Bell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Lathe, Mr. MacFarlane, Ms. Obergfell, Mr. Pansky, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Poladian-Perron, Dr. Rowles, Mr. Sullivan.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 4 - Ms. Betts, Ms. Kaiser, Ms. Lerchenmuller, Ms. Lewis.

Resolution 2026-08 passed.

02:43:58 **Agenda Item 9. Five Accessibility Enhancement Projects and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein**

Presenter: Issam Dahdul, Director of Facilities Planning and Development, FSD

Issam Dahdul, Director of Facilities Planning and Development, presented Five Accessibility Enhancement Projects and amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan. He provided background about the Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan approved in 2017 by the Board of Education in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II program. He explained that the Transition Plan assigned a category based on the level of accessibility required for the site with more than two dozen criteria for prioritization. He presented the three types of categories for accessibility as follows:

Category One: "Key" schools with highest level access

- Generally, in accordance with applicable physical accessibility standards
- 1A: "full accessibility" schools --built to new construction standards
- 1B: "high accessibility" schools --altered with some limited exceptions

Category Two: "Program-Accessible" schools

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- Core spaces and features will be accessible
 - Program accessibility will be provided to all programs and activities at the school
- Category Three: "Core Access" schools
- A basic level of access will be provided for core buildings and certain common spaces

Mr. Dahdul informed that the proposed projects were identified at 156th Street Elementary School, Melvin Elementary School, Nueva Vista Elementary School, Pomelo Community Charter Elementary School, and Mark Twain Middle School to bring each campus to Category Two level of accessibility through improvements considering enrollment, campus size, building age, and student disability populations to determine scope and cost.

Mr. Dahdul reported building area and acres, student eligibility by disability category, project scope, project budget, project schedule, with student enrollment ranging from 342 up to 1,015 (Mark Twain MS) for a combined budget of approximately \$46M. Please refer to Board Report No. 398-25/26 for further detailed information.

There were questions and comments related to whether Pomelo Community CES had modernization or improvements projects underway, ADA program pipeline, and a suggestion to present a comparison of initial estimates with final delivered costs to BOC members better understand budget variances over time.

All questions were answered by Mr. Dahdul.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-09.

Mr. Peterson seconded.

02:55:19 Mr. Hamner asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 11 – Ms. Bell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Lathe, Mr. MacFarlane, Ms. Obergfell, Mr. Pansky, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Poladian-Perron, Dr. Rowles, Mr. Sullivan.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 4 - Ms. Betts, Ms. Kaiser, Ms. Lerchenmuller, Ms. Lewis.

Resolution 2026-09 passed.

02:56:15 **Agenda Item 10. Chief Facilities Executive's Report (Information Only)**
Presenter: Krisztina Tokes, Chief Facilities Executive, FSD

Chief Facilities Executive's Report was postponed to the May 28 BOC Meeting.

02:56:23 **Agenda Item 9. Discussion of Non-Agenda Matters**

BOC Chair Hamner adjourned meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of April 30, 2026, approved per School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee.

/Dr. Samantha Rowles/

Dr. Samantha Rowles, Secretary