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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, January 29, 2026
10:00 a.m.

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

<https://lausdca.new.swagit.com/videos/373669> (English)

<https://lausdca.new.swagit.com/videos/373592> (Spanish)

Committee Members Present (12): Sandy Betts, Robert Campbell, Monica Carlos (alternate to Mellina Lathe), Ashley Kaiser, Charlotte Lerchenmuller, Aleigh Lewis, Patrick MacFarlane, Jeanalee Obergfell (alternate to Jennifer McDowell), Jason Peterson (alternate to Chad Boggio), Tamar Poladian-Perron, Dr. Samantha Rowles, Brendan Sullivan (alternate to Dr. Bevin Ashenmiller).

Committee Members Absent (3): Neelura Bell, Michael Hamner, Scott Pansky

00:00:03 Call to Order

Mr. Robert Campbell, BOC Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed all to the meeting.

00:00:23 Mr. Campbell 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. Campbell 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

00:01:47 Mr. Campbell asked Dr. Rowles, Secretary, to provide the introductory remarks.

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

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

00:02:56 Mr. Campbell made the following announcements:

Mr. Campbell welcomed new BOC members appointed by the Board of Education: Ms. Monica Carlos, alternate LAUSD Student Parent, and Mr. Jason Peterson, alternate LA County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO as the Council Representative of the LA/OC Building and Construction Trades Council.

Mr. Campbell thanked member Ashley Kaiser for attending the Normont Early Education Center ribbon-cutting ceremony on January 26. Ms. Kaiser provided comments about the experience and encouraged other members to attend these types of events.

Mr. Campbell reported that at the December BOC meeting, BOC and Executive Committee member Patrick MacFarlane requested a briefing on the District's coordination plans for the LA28 Olympics. He stated Mr. MacFarlane described this as a generational opportunity to support local communities. Mr. Campbell stated that District Staff had responded to BOC staff, telling them that the District's involvement is under assessment and that an update would be provided to the BOC after the Board of Education had been briefed.

00:07:36 **Agenda Item 1. Public Comment**

Mr. Campbell stated that all public speakers would have up to 3 minutes. He also stated that public speakers who wished to address more than one agenda item would be provided 6 minutes total. He detailed the protocols for public speakers via audio and said that they should monitor the meeting through the live stream and then turn off the live stream volume when asked to speak to avoid audio echo or audio feedback. When it was the speaker's turn to speak, BOC Staff would announce the last four digits of the caller's phone number, and each public speaker would be instructed to unmute on Zoom, or press *6 (star 6), to speak.

There were no public speakers.

00:08:24 **Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar – A) December 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes and B) Second Quarter Report FY 2025-2026(October-December)**

Ms. Kaiser made a motion to move the Consent Calendar for approval.

Ms. Poladian-Perron seconded.

00:09:23 Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 10 –Ms. Betts, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Carlos, Ms. Kaiser, Ms. Lerchenmuller, Ms. Lewis, Mr. MacFarlane, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Poladian-Perron, Dr. Rowles

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 1 – Mr. Sullivan

Absences: 4 - Ms. Bell, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Obergfell, Mr. Pansky

The Consent Calendar was approved.

00:10:35 **Agenda Item 5. Two 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 introduced Two 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. One critical replacement project was for a field upgrade with natural turf at Virgil Middle School and another project for a synthetic track replacement at Santee Education Complex. He explained that both projects were Division of the State Architect (DSA) regulated projects requiring full design for compliance, safety, and accessibility. Total combined budget is \$11.3M with an anticipated completion date in the first quarter of 2028.

Mr. Cho stated that field conversion at Virgil MS was in compliance with the adopted resolution by the Board of Education on November 18, 2025, titled *Resilient Schools: Extreme Heat Mitigation & Disaster Preparedness at LAUSD (Res-017-25/26)* Adopted on November 18, 2025. Please refer to Board Report No. 269-25/26 for further detailed information.

There were questions and comments related to clarification on the exclusion of high school synthetic turf in the new Board of Education resolution, synthetic track alternative materials at Santee Education Complex, identification and prioritization of critical replacements, positive comments on the resolution banning synthetic turf at Early Education Centers (EEC) through middle schools, lifespan and safety of current synthetic surfaces before project completion.

Mr. Cho reported that a study on synthetic turf is underway to inform future Board of Education decisions related to synthetic turf fields at high schools. He added that five high school campuses fields were identified for replacement but are currently on hold pending study, which is expected to be completed in the spring.

All questions were answered by Mr. Cho.

Ms. Kaiser made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-02.

Ms. Lerchenmuller seconded.

00:26:23 Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 11 –Ms. Betts, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Carlos, Ms. Kaiser, Ms. Lerchenmuller, Ms. Lewis, Mr. MacFarlane, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Poladian-Perron, Dr. Rowles, Mr. Sullivan.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absences: 4 - Ms. Bell, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Obergfell, Mr. Pansky

Resolution 2026-02 passed.

00:27:38 **Agenda Item 3. BOC Proposed Revisions to the BOC Charter and MOU (Discussion)**

Presenter: Robert Campbell, BOC Vice-Chair

Mr. Campbell began the discussion related to the ongoing effort to revise the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and the BOC ([BOC Resolution 2025-31](#)). He introduced Mr. Jaime Torrens, Senior Advisor to the Superintendent, and noted that Mr. Torrens had met twice since the November 6 BOC meeting with BOC Chair Michael Hamner. He stated that Mr. Torrens had reported on the District's progress with the MOU at the December 11 BOC meeting.

Mr. Torrens stated that the District had made progress and submitted a response to proposed changes for the first six sections of the MOU to Mr. Hamner in mid-December. He said that the District was ready to begin discussions on the first completed sections; but understands that the BOC wishes to defer any discussion until all of the District's responses to BOC proposed revisions have been submitted for BOC review. He reported that significant progress had been made including efforts to align the District's proposed revisions with the OIG report related to the MOU. He anticipated completion of revisions by the end of the first quarter and would promptly schedule a working group meeting comprised of the BOC Executive Committee and several District Staff.

Mr. Campbell noted that, upon receipt, the full and complete set of the District's responses to the proposed BOC revisions would be shared with all BOC members and made public in advance of consideration of an updated MOU. He noted that based on what he had seen, some of the District's responses to the proposed revisions seemed to negatively impact the oversight role of the BOC relative to the current MOU. However, he emphasized that judgement would be reserved until all proposed changes are submitted and reviewed. He expressed appreciation for the District's increased priority and involvement compared to past efforts.

00:31:34 Agenda Item 6. 44 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 44 Board District Priority and Region Priority Projects and 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 \$2.2M. The projects included 15 furniture for outdoor classroom and outdoor spaces, 6 new electronic, free-standing marquees, 6 interactive displays, 9 fencing related projects, 2 Chromebook purchases, 2 pedestrian gates, 1 auditorium renovation, 1 secure entry system, 1 e-sports lab, and 1 administration office space area upgrade. Please refer to Board Report No. 293-25/26 for further detailed information.

There were questions and comments related to Board and Region prioritization and selection, recycling of auditorium seating, scope of fencing projects, and a concern regarding the use of bond funds for Chromebooks noting their relatively low unit cost, short lifespan and non-capitalized accounting category. Mr. Richard Alvarez, Sr. ERP Project Director, referred the prudence and funding strategy question to the District's finance team for follow-up. There was another question for clarification of the conversion of a classroom into an e-sports lab and to provide more details on the secure entry system at Dymally HS.

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

Ms. Betts made a motion to move Resolution 2026-03.

Ms. Lerchenmuller seconded.

00:46:00 Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 10 –Ms. Betts, Ms. Carlos, Ms. Kaiser, Ms. Lerchenmuller, Ms. Lewis, Mr. MacFarlane, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Poladian-Perron, Dr. Rowles, Mr. Sullivan.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 1 – Mr. Campbell

Absences: 4 - Ms. Bell, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Obergfell, Mr. Pansky

Resolution 2026-03 passed.

00:47:43 **Agenda Item 7. Chief Facilities Executive's Report (Information Only)**
Presenter: Krisztina Tokes, Chief Facilities Executive, FSD

[BOC member Jeanalee Obergfell joined the meeting at 11:07 a.m.]

Krisztina Tokes, Chief Facilities Executive, presented an overview of the District's capital program focusing on projects that will be put out to bid over the near term and a one-year update on the Palisades fire recovery efforts.

She stated that there were approximately 938 active projects valued at \$9.5B approved by the BOC and BOE, with about \$1B expected to move from pre-construction into construction. She stated a similar amount of new Measure US projects would be brought forward for approval maintaining a steady pipeline of FSD work. She stated that, for 2027, the District plans to bid a mix of design-bid-build projects for green schoolyard upgrades, playground and campus exterior upgrades, athletic improvements among other projects, and design-build projects for five seismic upgrades.

Ms. Tokes provided an update on the recovery project in Palisades. She shared that Palisades Charter High School students returned to campus using portable classrooms after the destruction of approximately 30 classrooms. She reported extensive remediation of existing buildings over the past year including HVAC cleaning, water quality testing, and gas line testing - all of which received environmental health and safety clearance. She also reported that permanent construction is planned to replace the damaged upgrades, remove the portables, and restore the baseball field.

Ms. Tokes informed that Marquez Charter Elementary School was partially destroyed by the fires, and Phase 1 of the recovery project allowed the school to reopen in September 2025. She stated that Phase 2 would consist of permanent reconstruction including new classrooms, library, administration, food services, multipurpose spaces and infrastructure upgrades followed by removal of portables and restoration of play areas. She explained that Palisades Charter Elementary School was in a tighter school site and could not accommodate both interim housing and permanent construction, resulting in a temporary relocation to Brentwood Science Magnet.

Ms. Tokes noted that Palisades recovery projects were funded by the local bond program, and insurance reimbursement was expected of up to \$500M. About \$100M of insurance proceeds have been received to date. She also said that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) applications for approximately \$202M were submitted with disbursement anticipated in 2027 and beyond. FEMA and insurance eligible reimbursements are based on like-kind rebuild criteria. She outlined next steps and schedule and showed a brief [video](#) acknowledging the support of Federal, State, County, and philanthropic partners and highlighting community resilience in the recovery efforts.

There were questions and comments related to insurance and FEMA reimbursements, clarification on the number and total value of projects in pre-construction versus under construction, modernization projects, a comment was made regarding prolonged construction, schedule delays, and lack of regular communication for the Carthay Elementary School project, a comment to address the lack of regular updates to parents, teachers, and volunteers during construction projects at school sites, and long-term facilities planning and capital investment decisions with a reduced student enrollment.

All questions were answered and concerns acknowledged by Ms. Tokes.

01:16:17 Agenda Item 4. Amendment to the Information Technology Services Strategic Execution Plan to Approve the Campus Safety Systems (Camera Systems), Phase 2 Project
Presenter: Kim Kennedy, Senior Director of Infrastructure, ITS

Kim Kennedy, Senior Director of Infrastructure, began her presentation for an Amendment to the Information Technology Services Strategic Execution Plan to Approve the Campus Safety Systems (Camera Systems), Phase 2 Project showing a video to emphasize the District's commitment to safety, protection of assets, and creation of secure learning environments. Please refer to Board Report No. 194-25/26 for further detailed information.

Ms. Kennedy explained that the camera modernization program was to upgrade or install systems at approximately 252 K-12 school sites and integrate them into a secure digital storage platform accessible to the Los Angeles School Police Department (LASPD) and Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). She stated that schools were selected using the Technology Condition Index which considered factors such as equipment age, maintenance history, incident data, and school survey results. She reported that the program would be funded with approximately \$87.4M in bond funds with design beginning upon Board approval and an anticipated completion date in December 2028.

There were questions and comments related to the Artificial Intelligence (AI) utilization for camera systems, selection and prioritization of school sites, number of service requests for camera systems, number of school sites without a camera system, real-time incident response, and placement of cameras on campuses.

All questions were answered by Ms. Kennedy.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01.

Ms. Poladian-Perron seconded.

01:23:55 Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Popejoy to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: 10 –Ms. Betts, Ms. Carlos, Ms. Kaiser, Ms. Lerchenmuller, Ms. Lewis, Mr. MacFarlane, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Poladian-Perron, Dr. Rowles, Mr. Sullivan.

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 1 – Mr. Campbell

Absences: 4 - Ms. Bell, Mr. Hamner, Ms. Obergfell, Mr. Pansky

Resolution 2026-01 passed.

01:25:03 Agenda Item 8. Discussion of Non-Agenda Matters

BOC Vice-Chair Campbell announced that the next BOC meeting was scheduled for February 26, 2026. He adjourned meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Minutes of January 29, 2026, approved per School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee.

/Dr. Samantha Rowles/
Dr. Samantha Rowles, Secretary