



# Community Bond Oversight Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**January 14, 2025 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

The Community Bond Oversight Committee met January 14, 2025 at Bowie High School, AISD Central Office 4000 S I35 Frontage Rd, Austin, TX 78704 to consider, discuss and take action on the items of the agenda below. These meeting minutes are supplemented by meeting materials. More information can be found at the [2017 Bond Program Website](#) & [2002 Bond Program Website](#).

**Members in Attendance:** Anna Valdez, AprilClark, Barbara Spears-Corbett, Cheryl Bradley, Jennifer Carson, Kay Gooch, Larry Huang, Lori Moya, Mark Grayson, Monty Exter, Richard Kelly, Ryan Pollock

**Staff & Consultants in Attendance:** Angela Mendez, Andre Andrews, Bob Deases, Bianca Medina-Leal, Catherine Martinez, Chris Adeniji, Christine Steenport, Dinita Caldwell, Jada Simpson, Jaime Miller, John Kelly, Katrina Montgomery, Katy Fitzgold, Melissa Laursen, Michael Mann, Omar Gomez, Rufo Reyes, Ryan Marcum, Sarah O’Brien, Travis Neumann

### AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM	Presenter	NOTES
<b>Call to Order</b>	Co-Chairs	Call to order by Cheryl Bradley at 6:05pm, second by Lori Moya.
<b>Public Comment</b> (2 mins per comment, max 10 mins)	Jada Simpson	None
<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> December 10 , 2024	Co-Chairs	Motion to approve minutes as amended by Mark Grayson, second by Jennifer Carson.
<b>Economic Opportunity Office</b>	Dinita Caldwell	Dinita Caldwell presented updates on EOO, stating there was good HUB participation in early construction. She introduced Chris Adeniji as a new member of the EOO team.  Dinita then addressed a comment card question regarding local vendors explaining that while EOO does not exclusively prioritize local vendors, it is taken into consideration.  Angela Mendez then answered a comment card question explaining there were 166.76 FTEs paid with bond dollars. Ryan Pollock asked if those FTEs include construction workers. Angela explained that number only reflects staff members. April Clark asked from which bond these staff were paid. Katrina explained that some staff began in 2017 and were then rolled over into the 2022 bond.
<b>CMD 2022 Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety Update</li> </ul>	Michael Mann & Travis Neuman	Travis Neumann, Safety Consultant, presented safety updates for the 2022 Bond and introduced Bob Deases as his Director. They have been Safety Consultants with AISD since the 2008 Bond. Michael Mann stated that this consistency has been beneficial in keeping workers and students safe. Travis discussed safety protocols stating that student and staff safety is their top priority. He reported only one safety incident has occurred in the last 13 months which consisted of approximately 150,000 labor hours. He discussed potential hazards on worksites and corrective actions taken. Michael noted that contractors are generally very compliant with safety protocols.
<b>CBOC Committee Operations</b>	Co-Chairs	Lori Moya explained that in February there will be a facilitated committee operations discussion to address committee functioning and relationship with staff. Cheryl Bradley

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Annual Report Review</li> <li>● Committee Operations Discussion</li> </ul>	<p>stated the purpose of the facilitator was to ensure everyone can speak for themselves and be heard.</p> <p>Lori Moya explained that an annual report to the board is part of the CBOC charge. AISD staff prepare the report and the committee prepares a cover letter for the report.</p> <p>Sarah O’Brien, Communications Consultant, led a high level overview of the report. Sarah clarified that the report reflects activities from June 2023 to June 2024. The committee suggested edits to the report and their desire for a cover letter summarizing major events that occurred after the report timeframe ending in June 2024. Sarah will make edits to the report and send it back over to the committee for review.</p> <p>Lori asked if the district provides bond updates at the board meetings. MichaelMann answered that there is no report out at the meetings but updates are provided. Christine Steenport added that the Board does not receive budget reports but does have access to budget information.</p> <p>April Clark stated the district should consider not using the LEED program as it drives up cost. Having the certification is expensive and the eds specs can require the same level of sustainability without the certification. Lori suggests this go into the summary letter and requested April to draft the language for this item. Jaime Miller explained LEED certification is required by the board and the district would need board support to remove this requirement.</p> <p>Kay Gooch asked if there was a due date to share the report with the Board. Lori suggests submitting it in February. The committee will vote to approve the report at the February meeting.</p> <p>The Co-Chairs then led a discussion regarding a draft letter to the board regarding the 2017 Survey results. Richard Kelly and April Clark disagreed with the language regarding learner restrooms in the letter and felt it was not representative of most communities. April explained that learner restrooms were implemented for inclusion and safety and there were many who advocated for them. Richard expressed concerns that the topic was outside of the CBOC purview.</p> <p>Monty Exter stated that the most important point should be that the community understands the feedback loop and how to have conversations with the board when they disagree with a policy.</p> <p>Cheryl Bradley conveyed concerns that some communities are not being heard when they are expressing what they want. Richard asked who all constitutes the referenced community as he has heard from staff at Eastside High School that express support for the learner restrooms. Barbara Spears-Corbett explained the community consists of the people in the neighborhood, students, parents, staff and anyone who is concerned. She stated that the district should consider behavior concerns and staff development when introducing a new design concept. Her main concern regarding the learner restrooms is cleanliness as many girls do not want to use the same restroom as boys for this reason.</p> <p>April reported that the ed specs state that there should be learner restrooms on each floor of a school and throughout a campus. It states that the district must talk to the community about them but they cannot remove every learner restroom.</p> <p>Monty conveyed concerns about getting outside of the CBOC charge on this topic. He suggests reporting on the overall survey results instead. The sentiment of not being</p>
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		<p>heard was expressed on more than just one topic. The important thing is that people have the ability to talk to the board and know they've been heard. He suggests listing several issues that were brought up in the survey results and not focusing on the restrooms.</p> <p>April reiterated the need for staff development on how to use new facilities. She reviewed the long range plan items regarding learner restrooms and will email the long range plan to the committee.</p> <p>Barbara asked if there was an edspec in 2017 for learner restrooms. Melissa Laurson answered that it was a choice in 2017.</p> <p>Richard requested data on discipline issues with the learner restrooms. He stated the biggest problem reported in the survey results regarding restrooms was the lack of facilities.</p> <p>Jennifer Carson expressed concerns with the title "all learner restrooms". She feels it is confusing and would prefer gender neutral or unisex.</p> <p>Cheryl reiterated the importance of ensuring communities understand about new design elements and their options. Anna Valdez stated that it is the obligation of the CBOC to make the board aware of elements that are not working for everyone.</p> <p>The committee agreed to edit the letter to include several examples regarding communities not feeling heard and not focus on the learner restrooms. Lori would like to suggest the board review or update the edspects in the letter.</p>
<b>Future Items for Discussion</b>	Co-Chairs	<p>Per comment card from Mark Grayson, future items for discussion include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Drainage at Delco</li> <li>● Parking at Nelson</li> <li>● Research on learning spaces from Dr. French and how to implement/educate staff</li> <li>● Proof that the survey results were shared with the CAT teams</li> </ul>
<b>Adjourn</b>	Co-Chairs	Move to adjourn by Mark Grayson at 8:16pm, second by Lori Moya.

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