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# SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTCITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE PROP A 2001 / PROP A 2005 / PROP A 2020

#### **MINUTES**

### MONDAY, August 2, 2021

#### Via Zoom Video Conference

- 1. Call to Order: Mr. Vasquez, called to order the meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) at 2:04 PM on August 2, 2021. In response to the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order, the meeting was held via video conference.
- 2. Meeting Etiquette: Ms. Lam, explained the Zoom protocols for the meeting.
- 3. Roll Call: Roll call was conducted. Members present:
  A.J. Thomas (Chair), Dennis Kelly (Vice-Chair), Peter Gallegos, Christine Hanson, Shanon
  Lampkins-Jones (by Proxy), Rafael Musni, Linda Fadeke Richardson, Steven Tang, Han Zou.
  Members not present: Thomas Havey.
- **4. Introductions**: All who were in attendance introduced themselves.
- 5. Election of Chair & Vice Chair: Ms. Richardson nominated A.J. Thomas for Chair; Ms. Hanson seconded. Mr. Thomas was voted Chair without objection. Ms. Richardson nominated Dennis Kelly for Vice-Chair; Mr. Gallegos seconded. Mr. Kelly was voted Vice-Chair without objections. Mr. Vasquez handed over the meeting to Chair Mr. Thomas.

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**8.** Public Comment on Non-Agenda items:

a. Member of the public,

Richardson then asked how to get specific information on a specific project without violating the committees' lawful obligations. Mr. Casnocha stated 5.8d which states "the Committee shall have the right to request and receive copies of any public records relating to projects funded by the Propositions.", allowing the committees right to ask for and view those documents. Mr. Casnocha also informed the committee that if there are projects that the committee feels are pertinent to be on the priority list for the Board, but are not on the Board's list, to ask how the priority list is established and what factors go into projects being on the list or not.

Ms. Hanson stated that the restrictive wording about subcommittees in the Bylaws did generate interest at the Board level and, as she recalled, there was one trustee who stated that they were in favor of subcommittees. Ms. Hanson said that creating the outline for the omnibus three-year annual report was done in a subcommittee and that subcommittee did bring it back to the main committee for their input. She also brought up concerns on her initial challenge accessing the Bond website and how the public could find it and asked if this is something that could be broughts(o)at the first input. She commented on the legal counsel representate-1.6 r8 (m)19.1(t)Tj8 (n)

here. Mr. Hunter stated that the committee is a state mandated oversight committee, not a trustee created advisory committee that reports to the public, not the Board of Education and thinks that the committee needs to understand the state education code section 15.264 – 15.288 Article 13a Section 1 of the California Constitution and the Bond language itself and not taking his advice. The things in your Bylaws that just undermines the credibility of the committee itself and the public is watching how you're safeguarding our money. When you see things in there that say the Board of Trustees can remove you at any time for any reason, that the appointments are safeguarded and the gatekeeper on those are staff itself, the people you are charged with oversight, then you can't even change the Bylaws and only the Board of Trustees can do that, that's rubbish and there's nothing in the Statute that supports that.

Chair Thomas asked Mr. Casnocha if he cared to respond before Chair asks his questions. Mr. Casnocha responded to Mr. Bernstein's comment on how the committee doesn't review expenditures until after they're audited, that is not true if things are being done correctly. Each quarter when the committee meets, the committee should be receiving updated i

numbers in the financial statements. From the samples chosen of expenditures pulled as part of the Performance audit, there was one finding associated with the payroll costs and identified \$142,104 of salaries believed to be associated with administrator or individuals whose positions are not substantially supporting the bond projects themselves. On page 26 of the audit report are the questioned costs, context, effect, cause, recommendations, and a corrective action plan. As District is closing the 2021 fiscal year, they will be coming back to do the audit again in November and will specifically follow up to see if the corrective action plan was put into place.

Chair Thomas asked the auditors if they would be willing to come back before getting to the questions. They said that they would and then opened the floor to the committee for questions.

Ms. Hanson called out that a letter was included with the audit to the Board and thinks that the committee might be very interested in reading that. She said that she will hold a comment to that letter for when the auditors return next meeting. Ms. Hanson inquired to the questions of costs stating 'other individuals' and if that can be expanded upon. Ms. Herrera believes that they were individuals in the finance department and Vice-Chancellor could give more specifics on that. Per the auxiliary letter that was mentioned that went to the Board, that is a letter required ((1))