



Peralta Community College District Bond Measures Oversight Committee

2006 Measure A & 2018 Measure G Annual Compliance Report for Fiscal Year 2019-20

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The State of California requires Citizens' Bond Oversight Committees (CBOC) to inform the public and taxpayers concerning the Proposition 39 (55% local school bond measures) expenditures and use of bond funds at least once a year. *"The Citizens' Oversight Committee's shall actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction,"** in accordance with voter-approved projects listed in the local bond measure ballot language *(Cal. Educ. Code § 15278).

The Peralta Community College District (PCCD) Board of Trustees has designated this Bond Measures Oversight Committee (BMOC) as their citizens' oversight committee to advise the public as to whether a school district or community college district is in compliance with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

This is the Bond Measures Oversight Committee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019-20 on the Measure A and G Capital Improvement Program for Peralta Community College District (PCCD).

The 2019/2020 Bond Measure Citizens' Oversight Committee Statement of Compliance opinion on the 2006 Measure A Bond and 2018 Measure G program is submitted to Peralta Community College District in accordance with Education Code § 15278 (b). The committee advises that, based on available information provided by the District and the audit firm CliftonLarsenAllen LLP fiscal year 2019/2020 Financial and Performance Audit, the BMOC does find the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XXIIIA, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution.



FOCUS OF THIS REPORT

In November 2018 voters overwhelming passed the \$800 million Bond Measure G to continue upgrades to aging classrooms, technology, science labs; expand job training classrooms at the Peralta Community College District campuses.

Major Capital Projects continue to advance through planning and design with the District securing State Matching Funds for over \$77M which leverages local Bond funds. Major projects are underway, including the new **Berkeley City College** West building, previously referenced as the Milvia Street Project; the **College of Alameda** Auto/Diesel Technologies Complex, Aviation Complex, and completion of the New Center for Liberal Arts; **Laney College's** Title IV Locker Room Modernization, the East Bay Municipal Water District Water Main Relocation, Central Utility Plant Modernization, new Learning Resource Center, Theater Modernization; **Merritt College's** Child Development Center, and Horticulture Complex replacement. In addition, the bond has been funding much needed improvements to site infrastructure, system upgrades and major repairs, as well as improvements to the Information Technology infrastructure. Major Capital Project construction is anticipated to begin in the Summer/Fall of 2022 with bidding currently underway for the Merritt Child Development Center and College of Alameda Auto/Diesel Technologies Complex.

On June 6, 2006 Alameda County voters approved the \$390 million (2006) Measure A Bond. The PCCD has been performing construction work from these funds and is presently in the final stage of the spending program. These Capital Improvement Projects were for the acquisition, construction, repair, refurbishment, equipping, upgrading, and modernization of classrooms, campuses, buildings, facilities, and grounds throughout the PCCD.

Interim Vice Chancellor of General Services, Atheria Smith, currently leads the Bond Measure A and G capital program work. IVC Smith was promoted to lead the Department of General Services (DGS) at the Peralta Community College District when the previous Vice Chancellor left PCCD in November 2020.

IVC Smith reports to Interim Chancellor Dr. Jannett N. Jackson, who came out of retirement to lead PCCD in April 2021. Dr. Jackson previously worked in PCCD as College of Alameda President before leaving to become the chancellor of the Chabot-Las Positas CCD, from which she retired in 2018. She is also a veteran, having served in the Persian Gulf war, and retired as a Colonel in the US Army National Guard. In October 2021, the Board of Trustees extended Dr. Jackson's contract as Interim Chancellor to the end of December 2023, bringing much needed leadership stability to the district.

IVC Smith has worked closely with Keith Kajiya of AECOM, who serves as the PCCD Bond Program Manager. Together, they have worked to align the program's goals with the Bond project lists and the capital program spending plan. Outsourcing the bond program management to a respected external organization such as AECOM has clearly had a positive impact on the bond program at PCCD. Mr. Kajiya has frequently given bond program updates to



the BMOG. Those presentations can be found on the Build Peralta website at <https://build.peralta.edu/presentations-and-briefings>.

AECOM assists the District in planning and implementation of design and construction activities. Additionally, Kitchell CEM, Roebbelen CM, and Swinerton Management and Consulting were hired as the Construction Managers, and were each assigned to specific campuses to manage various capital projects.

The [final series of 2006 Measure A bond funds in the amount of \\$65 million were sold on April 22, 2020 and the first series of 2018 Measure G bond funds in the amount of \\$50 million were sold on April 22, 2020](#). The district also has refinanced previously issued bonds to take advantage of the historically low interest rates, thus saving the taxpayers over \$5 million. This process of selling and the resale of the Peralta CCD taxpayer bonds are facilitated by a team comprised of district staff and Backstrom McCarley Berry & Company, Barclays, Curls Bartling, Orrick, and Siebert-Williams. The second series of 2018 Measure G bonds is anticipated to be sold by Fall 2022.

At the time of this writing, our world is continuing to live the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic. All meetings are held virtually on “Zoom” meeting platform. Site visits and other subgroup in person meetings are not taking place at this time.

BMOG MEMBERSHIP

- Andrea Dawson, Chair - Senior Citizen’s Organization (2nd term expires 6/30/2022)
- Marcus Crawley - Taxpayers Organization (2nd term expires 6/30/2023)
- Yusef Herbert - Business Organization (2nd term expires 6/30/2022)
- Benjamin Scott - College Supporter (1st term expires 6/30/2022)
- Stacy Thompson – At-Large Member (1st term expires 6/30/2023) Appointed 3/2022
- Jeff Cambra – At-Large Member (1st term expires 6/30/2023) Appointed 3/2022

BMOG MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS ACTIVITIES

The committee is currently comprised of 6 appointees, including a Chairperson. There is a seventh appointment for a student representative that is currently vacant.

Since the last report was submitted in November 2020, three members have stepped down. Ms. Ariana Brown, the student representative termed out in June 2021. In November 2021 Mr. Kevin Jenkins left the BMOG to become a PCCD Trustee, opening an At-Large seat. In January 2022, at-Large member Ms. Patricia Ellis – who also served as Vice Chair – stepped down. In March 2022, the PCCD Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Stacy Thompson and Mr. Jeff Cambra as At-Large members with first terms expiring June 30, 2023. The student representative seat remains vacant. The BMOG needs to select a Vice Chair from among the members.



FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORTS

This Report examines the compliance of PCCD for (2006) Measure A and (2018) Measure G. Per the voter approved (2000) Proposition 39 and related Education Code 15278, the PCCD is required to have the annual independent financial and performance audit. It must be submitted to the District by March 31 of the year following for the prior fiscal year's expenditures (Education Code section 15286). These yearly financial and performance audits are meant to form the basis of the BMOC's Annual Compliance Report to the public.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP was contracted to conduct the performance and financial audit on of 2006 Measure A fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) [presented their findings publicly to the Board of Trustees](#) on March 9, 2021 and [presented their findings to the BMOC](#) at our June 9, 2021 Zoom conference meeting. CliftonLarsenAllenLLP concluded during their presentation to the BMOC that "In all significant respects, the General Obligation Bond Fund Proceeds have been expended on the specific projects developed by the Board of Trustees and approved by the voters."

End of Report