

Peralta CCD Citizens Bond Oversight Committee

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

Executive Summary

PURPOSE OF THE PERALTA CCD CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CBOC)

A Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is convened as a result of the Districts using Proposition 39 (55% voter approval threshold) for passage of the General Obligation Bond Measures A and G. This legislation is referred to as "The Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000".

BOND BACKGROUND

In November 2018 voters overwhelmingly 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. Projects include: **Milvia Street** additional educational facility, including STEM labs; **College of Alameda**: • Science and administration building replacement (C/D) • Aviation complex • Automotive/Diesel complex • Performing Arts complex; **Laney College** • Student and welcome center • STEAM center • Library learning resource center • Performing Arts Center • Gymnasium; **Merritt College** • Combined Child Care Center & Child Development Center • Horticulture Complex replacement • Kinesiology physical fitness addition • Genomics Institute

In June 2006 the voters had passed the 390 million bond Measure A for capital projects at the Project costs for the acquisition, construction, repair, refurbishment, equipping, upgrading, and modernization of classrooms, campuses, buildings, facilities, and grounds throughout the Peralta Community College District.

BOND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION WORK

Vice Chancellor Leigh Sata currently leads the Bond Measure A and G capital program work. Mr. Sata was hired in late March 2019 as Interim Vice Chancellor Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud was chosen by the Peralta CCD Board to become permanent Chancellor in October of 2019. Chancellor Stroud recommended and the PCCD Board approved Leigh Sata as permanent Vice Chancellor of General Services ([hire date here](#)).

Mr. Sata's first consideration when he came to PCCD was aligning the program's goals with the Bond project lists and the capital program spending plan of funds. In previous years while Dr. Jowel Laguerre was Chancellor from February 2015 through February 2019 capital program/general services had several leadership changes that created some variability in the bond measure program plans. Dr. Jowel Laguerre resigned in February 2019.

At our January meeting Mr. Sata provided CBOC with a detailed slide presentation of the planned bond projects ([link here](#)). CBOC also received financial expenditure reports at each meeting. ([link here](#))

In April Vice Chancellor Sata provided an overview of the Peralta CCD facilities program management plan. Mr. Sata introduced AECOM as the contracted consulting Bond Program Manager. Their firm will be assisting the District in facilitation of the design and construction of the capital projects fund by the Bond Measures.

At the time of this writing our world, our community are living experiencing the Covid 19 pandemic. All meetings are occurring through virtual "Zoom" meeting platform. Site visits and other subgroup in person meetings are not taking place at this time.

Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Work

CBOC's responsibility is to actively review and report on the expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction in accordance with voter-approved projects in accordance with Cal. Educ. Code § 15278.

It states that "taxpayers directly participate in the oversight of bond expenditures" and "the members of the oversight committee appointed pursuant to this chapter promptly alert the public to any waste or improper expenditure of school construction bond money."

Ed Code §15278 through Ed Code §15282 regulates the process of appointing "an independent oversight committee" and expresses the oversight role of the committee. The Board is to convene this committee within 60 days of acceptance and certification of election results. Measure G passed in November 2018. Peralta CCD did not formalize or convene this committee until late Fall 2019.

As required by Education Code §15278, the District appointed a Committee of local residents currently comprised of 6 appointees, including a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson.

The committee was appointed in fall of 2019 and met in December 2019 and in January, April and June of 2020. Program expenditures and facility reports pertinent to expenditures of bond revenues were presented by Vice Chancellor Leigh Sata and staff at these meetings. Updates from prior years, and progress and developments on capital improvements related to the bond program were also provided to CBOC.

CBOC MEMBERS:

Andrea Dawson, Chair

Marcus Crawley

Yusef Herbert

Kevin Jenkins, Vice Chair

Patricia Ellis

Ariana Brown

* One Vacancy as of June 1, 2020

The previous CBOC Committee did not submit an Annual Report of findings to the Peralta CCD Board for the fiscal years of 2016/17 and 2017/18. In January of 2019 after the passage of the 2018 Measure G and Parcel Tax the Peralta CCD Board chose to separate what had been one Citizens Oversight Committee into two separate committees respectively for oversight of the tax measures.

Audit Review and Findings

ANNUAL EXPENDITURE REVIEW

CBOC's primary duty is provide a written statement on compliance based on our review of the program expenditures and activities and the independent auditors Financial and Performance Audit to ensure that the Measure A and G funds are spent in accordance with the Bond language.

CBOC received the official outside Auditors Measures A & G Annual Performance Report for Measures A & G by March 31, 2020 in accordance with Education Code §15286, receiving the report at the same time it was submitted to the District (no later than March 31 of each year).

The expenditure summary document provided by Peralta CCD program management that is an attachment to this report reflects the project expenditures for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2019 as presented by the Peralta CCD. The report is organized to reflect the life of each project commencing with the Pre-Design Phase and concluding with the Completed Phase. The cumulative expenditures reported by the District for the Measure A and G bond program totaled \$ million through June 30, 2019.

FINANCIAL and PERFORMANCE AUDIT

Each fiscal year a financial and performance audit of Measures A and G expenditures is required to be conducted. Eide Bailey LLP was contracted to conduct the performance and financial audit on of Measures A and G year ending June 30, 2019. Eide Bailey presented their findings to the CBOC at our April 8, 2020 Zoom conference meeting.

(Link to report: Eide Bailey LLP 2018/2019 Measures "A & G" Financial and Performance Audit Report)

CBOC STATEMENT Regarding COMPLIANCE

The 2018/2019 CBOC Statement of Compliance opinion on the Measure A and G Bond 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 Eide Bailey fiscal year 2018/2019 Financial and Performance Audit , CBOC does find the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XXIIA, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution.

Links to presentations and reports here

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