

**CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
OF THE PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

150 District Center Drive  
Palm Springs, CA 92264

May 23, 2022 – 5:30 pm  
PSUSD Board Room

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Member Abercrombie.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Abercrombie led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL (Establishment of a Quorum)**

Roll call was conducted at 5:32 pm and a quorum established by Member Abercrombie.

Members present: Mark Abercrombie (Chair)  
Richard Clapp  
Justin Decker  
Helene Kalfuss  
Linda Scudder

Members absent: Scott Fenton (Co-chair)

District staff present: Brian J. Murray, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Julie Arthur, Executive Director, Facilities Planning Development  
Kristina Murphy, Senior Administrative Assistant, Business Services

Public present: None

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (solicited online and in writing 72 hours prior to the meeting)**

None

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Kalfuss made a motion and member Clapp second to approve the COC Regular Meeting Minutes from February 1, 2022. The committee unanimously agreed.

6. **BOND EXPENDITURE REPORTS**

The committee reviewed the quarterly expenditure reports provided by the district.

7. **UPDATE ON DISTRICT FACILITIES PROJECTS**

Julie gave an update on the current bond projects:

**Agua Caliente Elementary Modernization**

The project is complete, school has been occupied since 2019. Paperwork has been filed with the Office of Public School Construction to close the project. Funds remaining will be swept and funds put back into the general fund.

**Bubbling Wells Elementary Modernization**

School built in the 1980's. This project is in the design stage.

### **DLA 500 Building Replacement**

Built in 1968. Seismic assessment found it not structurally compliant. The project was approved by the Board of Education on January 25, 2022 and will be demoed and reconstructed this summer. We are currently working with admin to have staff housed in the building to remain on campus. The project will be awarded at the Board meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Demo to begin in June and building to come later. The campus was built in 1938 and originally part of PSHS campus. It was split into 2 campuses in the 1990's. Developer fees are being used to fund a large portion of this project.

### **DHSHS Locker Room HVAC**

The swamp cooler system is being replaced with HVAC units. Project is 99% complete. The system is having some issues. District staff will meet with contractor to discuss issues and work being covered under the warranty.

### **Della S. Lindley Elementary Modernization and Design**

School built in 1986-87. The design has been submitted to DSA. Project will entail enlarging adding TK and enlarging Kinder classrooms to meet title 5 and expanding the kitchen area. New fire alarms, PA system and HVAC will also be included in this project. We will use portables for temporary housing as the phasing starts. The focus will be on the buildings, as the parking lot was already done.

### **Sunny Sands/Landau Elementary Modernization**

These projects are currently in the design stage. Will consist of removal of the metal modulares and replace with permanent 1 & 2 story classroom buildings. Giving play space back to the schools that are currently inhabited by portables. Bidding will be going out on temporary housing. Construction to begin 2023/2024.

### **Prop 39**

Projects underway districtwide. Currently working on changing out PSHS Blackbox theater lighting, (from the late 1980s).

### **Facilities Master Plan**

The California Department of Education requires California school districts to prepare and/or update their Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for their district every five years. Projects are prioritized with high priority going to safety and security of campuses and buildings with aging infrastructure.

The district is currently in the process of doing an update to the master plan.

- TK classrooms will be added as a grade level districtwide.

### **James Workman Middle Modernization**

The school built in 1996. The modernization will include the removal of all portable classrooms and replace with permanent 1 story buildings. Will also be modernizing offices. We will be removing all of the modulares and putting in permanent buildings. There will be upgrades made to the existing locker rooms and the kitchen and eating areas will be expanded. Existing portables moved to grass area during phasing. Bidding and work starting next summer. Parking lot renovations needed for student drop off/pick up and traffic issues. Measure E & I fund will be used. The initial design was approved with Measure E funds.

### **Fire/Alarm System Replacement**

The fire alarm system replacement has been incorporated into the modernization projects for James Workman, Cathedral City High, Landau and Sunny Sands elementary schools.

### **M&O Bond Projects**

Projects have been completed. There is little money left to be moved to the general fund balance.

**Palm Springs High School Seismic**

Palm Springs High School Seismic Building Renovations project includes 5 buildings that were built prior to 1980 that are on the AB 300 list and need seismic upgrades:

- Library
- Cafeteria
- Gymnasium new ADA bleacher compliant bleachers.
- 500 Building
- Multi-purpose Room

The addition of a new mini gym is complete and ready for use, along with the ASB, kitchen and dining areas. The storm drain system was completely redone, which will take care of flooding concerns campus wide. Continuing to work to finalize renovation of the gymnasium. The project is 99% complete. There is an issue with the mechanical equipment load factors in the dining area. Will replace existing equipment with larger AC tonnage in the area.

**Palm Springs High School Richards Center Central Plant Replacement**

Project is complete.

**Palm Springs High School Chiller Replacement**

Project is complete and equipment is functioning great.

**Shade Structure and Tree Planting Project at Elementary Sites**

The shade structures have been installed and 9 shade trees have been planted at each. This project is complete. There is little money left to be moved to the general fund balance.

**Cathedral City High Modernization**

The school was built in 1991. The Modernization Project will include renovation of all existing classrooms and the central plant. We are also planning to expand the kitchen and cafeteria. This project is in the design phase.

**Nellie Coffman Middle School Locker Room Upgrade**

Project just starting and procuring architect services.

**PSHS 900/901 Upgrade**

Project just starting and procuring architect services.

**9. COC VACANCIES**

Member Abercrombie noted that we are actively recruiting for the following positions:

- Taxpayer Organization Representative

Members are asked to have interested candidates to forward names to the Business Services office or direct them to the website to complete an application for consideration.

Member Abercrombie stated that upon conclusion of this meeting, I am resigning my position as the Business Community Representative and current chair of the Citizen's Oversight Committee, I have accepted a paid position with PSUSD, which would be considered a conflict of interest for me to continue to serve as a committee member.

At this time, I ask for a nomination to elect another member to step in to chair the committee until their term has ended. Member Scudder nominated Scott Fenton and second by Member Clapp, all members unanimously agreed. Member Fenton was appointed to chair the COC committee until his term ends in January 2023.

At this time, I ask for a nomination to elect a member to co-chair the committee until their term has ended. Member Scudder nominated Helene Kalfuss and second by Member Decker, all members unanimously agreed. Member Kalfuss accepted the nomination and will serve as co-

chair until her term ends in February 2023.

10. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE COC MEETING DATE

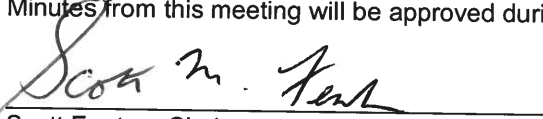
The next COC Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2022, at 5:30pm, dinner at 5:00pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Member Abercrombie asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Clapp made a motion to adjourn and Member Kalfuss second. The committee unanimously agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Minutes from this meeting will be approved during the next Regular Meeting.



Scott Fenton, Chair, or  
Helene Kalfuss, Co-Chair

10-24-2022  
Date