

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 Citizen's Bond Oversight

3:30 - 5:00 PM

Cravens Student Services Center, Room 124, Palm Desert Campus

As required by California Education Code Section 15278-15282, the governing board of the community college shall establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee, pursuant to section 15282. The purpose of the citizen's oversight committee shall be to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues. All citizens' oversight committee meetings are open to the public. A strong effort has been made to ensure that the membership of the Citizens' Oversight Committee reflects the diversity of the communities and the region served by the District.

Oral Communications to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

It is the obligation of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to provide an adequate forum within which the views of the public pertaining to any item of the business of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee can be expressed and heard.

Persons wishing to speak on an item appearing on the agenda may speak regarding their issues during the "Comments from the Public" section of the agenda or when the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is considering the item (Education Code 72121.5). Prior to being recognized by the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, a speaker must complete a request to speak form. Persons wishing to speak on items that are not on the agenda may also speak on such issues during the "Comments from the Public" section of the agenda. The Committee, however, does not obligate itself to act upon any request or proposal presented at the time of the hearing of citizens and petitions except, if appropriate, for the item to be added to the agenda of a future meeting. In the event that the Committee must schedule a Zoom meeting, or otherwise meet virtually, the Committee shall follow the law regarding public comment in place at the time.

To facilitate the orderly conduct of public meetings and to expedite conducting the necessary business, the following shall govern public speaker presentations at Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meetings:

A person wishing to speak to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee must fill out a request that will be provided by the Committee using the "Request to Address the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Form." This form is available online, and will also be available at each meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

A member of the audience may speak only with the recognition of the Chair of the Committee. Three minutes shall be allotted per speaker, with 20 minutes maximum time allotment for any one subject. At the discretion of the Chair of the Committee, time may be extended.

While the Committee respects the rights of the public to address the committee, and encourages public participation in its meetings, profanity, obscenity, and abusive or defamatory language can constitute cause for the Chair of the Committee to terminate discussion before the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. In the event of serious, willful or persistent disruption, the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee may order the meeting room cleared. (Govt. Code 54957.9) Only matters appearing on the agenda may be considered in such a session. Representatives of the press or the news media, except those participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this section.

Profanity, obscenity, and abusive or defamatory language shall be cause for the Chair of the Committee to terminate discussion before the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. In the event of serious or persistent disruption, the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee may order the meeting room cleared. (Govt. Code 54957.9)

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1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1.1 Committee Members (7): Diane M. Rubin (Chair and College Support Organization Representative), Bruce T. Bauer (Business Representative), James Dietrich (Senior Citizen Group Representative), Barbara E. Foster-Monachino (Member-at-Large), David H. Ready (Member-at-Large), Richard D. Seeley (Taxpayers' Association Representative), Kelly Merchant (Student Representative)

1.2 Quorum: 4

2. OPENING ITEMS

2.1 Call to Order

2.2 Roll Call

2.3 Recognition of Past Member: Mr. Michael Monachino

2.4 Introduction of All Members and Board Liaison

2.5 Ethics Form Reminder

3. AGENDA

3.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), the committee may act on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda, upon a determination by a 2/3 vote of the committee, of (if less than 2/3 of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those present), there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified.

3.2 Confirmation of agenda for March 5, 2023 with any additions, corrections, or deletions.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 In accordance with Assembly Bill 361 and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation is allowed and will be accepted by email to jowhite@collegeofthedesert.edu during the meeting, prior to the close of public comment on an item, and read into the record during public comment. Additionally, public comment may be made in "real time" by using the raise your hand function by joining the Zoom link: https://collegeofthedesert-edu.zoom.us/j/83238000417? pwd=wUnYaoNvcO295hPgJeM5KDKd4kUmXD.1

4.2 Members of the public may comment on any item of interest that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of this committee or on items of the agenda. There is a time limit of three (3) minutes per person, with twenty (20) minutes maximum time allotment for any one subject. At the discretion of the Chair of the Committee, time may be extended.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- 5.1 Election of Vice Chair
- 5.2 Approval of Dec. 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

5.3 Approval of Language for Annual Report to Board of Trustees

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 6.1 Annual Audit Report Results
- 6.2 New Member Orientation and Invitation to Tour District Facilities
- 6.3 Capital Projects Report | Mac McGinnis, Vice President MAAS Companies
- 6.4 Member Term Reminders
- 6.5 Member Reports and Comments

6.6 Review Meeting Calendar

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 Future Agenda Items

8. QUESTIONS FOR THE DISTRICT

8.1 Are you aware of any Bond proceeds that were expended for purposes other than those set forth in Measure B or Measure CC?

8.2 Are you aware of any Bond proceeds that were expended for any teacher or administrative salaries of the college or for operating expenses?

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 Adjournment

10. NEXT MEETING

10.1 May 16, 2024