

Measure E

**Independent Citizens
Bond Oversight Committee**



**IRVINE UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Annual Report
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1.0 Overview

Irvine Unified School District (“District”) General Obligation Bond Measure E (“Measure E”) was approved by the voters on June 7, 2016 within School Facilities Improvement District (“SFID”) No. 1 of the District. Approval of Measure E authorized the District to issue up to an aggregate principal amount of \$319,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds within SFID No. 1.

The Measure E election was conducted under Proposition 39, being chaptered as the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 and was approved and authorized subject to provisions of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, which established California Education Code Section 15278. California Education Code Section 15278 requires the establishment of an Independent Citizens Bond Oversight Committee in order to satisfy the accountability requirements of Proposition 39.

The Board of Education of the Irvine Unified School District established the Independent Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (“Committee”) on August 23, 2016. The Committee maintains the duties and rights set forth in the Bylaws. The Committee does not have legal capacity independent from the District. Moreover, the Committee is charged only with the responsibility for overseeing the expenditure of Measure E projects and bond proceeds.

2.0 Purpose

The purposes of the Committee are set forth in Proposition 39, and the Committee Bylaws were developed and approved subject to the applicable provisions of Proposition 39. The Committee is subject to the *Ralph M. Brown Public Meetings Act* (“Brown Act”) of the State of California and meetings are conducted in accordance with the provisions thereof. The District provides necessary administrative support to the Committee consistent with the Committee’s purposes, as set forth in Proposition 39.

3.0 Membership

Proposition 39 requires that the Committee consist of at least seven members appointed by the Board. In July 2019, the Committee consisted of eleven members. In September 2019, an individual representing the Parent/Guardian group resigned and was not replaced. The Committee was reduced to ten individuals representing the following groups:

- 1) Parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District (one required, one representative);
- 2) Both parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the Parent Teacher Association or a school site council (one required, four representatives);
- 3) Active in a business organization representing the business community located in the District (one required, one representative).
- 4) Active in a senior citizen’s organization (one required, one representative);
- 5) Active in a bona-fide taxpayers association (one required, one representative); and
- 6) Members of the community at-large (two required, two representatives).

The following table lists the members, group representing, and current terms.

Member	Representative Group	Current Term
Roza Mansouri	Parent / Guardian	Sept. 2017 – Sept. 2019 (resigned Sept. 2019)
Jeffrey Schmehrer	Parent / Guardian	Sept. 2018 - Sept. 2020
Todd Cope	Parent active in a parent-teacher organization	Sept. 2019 - Sept. 2021
Kristi Smemoe	Parent active in a parent-teacher organization	Sept. 2019 - Sept. 2021
Ryan Larson	Parent active in a parent-teacher organization	Sept. 2018 - Sept. 2020
Connie Stone	Parent active in a parent-teacher organization	Sept. 2018 - Sept. 2020
Richard Knowland	Business organization representative	Sept. 2018 - Sept 2020
Betty Jo Woollett	Senior citizen organization representative	Sept. 2019 - Sept. 2021
Patti Ragland	Bona-fide taxpayers association representative	Sept. 2018 - Sept. 2020
Kenric Stone	Member of community at-large	Sept. 2019 - Sept. 2021
Adele Heuer	Member of community at-large	Sept. 2018 - Sept. 2020

4.0 Committee Activities

In order to perform the duties as set forth within the Bylaws, the Committee engaged in the following authorized activities (where applicable):

- 1) District staff presented financial reports, various processes and approaches, communications, and regular updates on current projects. Hand-outs were distributed at the meetings and subsequently posted to the District's Measure E website;
- 2) Received copies and reviewed the 2019-20 annual Irvine Unified School District Building Fund (Measure E) Financial and Performance Audits ("Audits") required by Proposition 39 (Article XIII A of the California Constitution);
- 3) Inspected District facilities and grounds for which bond proceeds have been or will be expended;
- 4) Reviewed efforts by the District to maximize bond proceeds by implementing various cost-saving measures;
- 5) Received from the Board, within three months of the District receiving the Audits, responses to any and all findings, recommendations, and concerns addressed in the Audits, and review said responses.

5.0 District Support

The District provided the Committee with the following technical and administrative assistance:

- 1) Prepared and posted public notices, as required by the Brown Act. Ensured that all notices to the public were provided in the same manner as notices regarding meetings of the District Board;
- 2) Provided meeting rooms with audio/visual equipment;
- 3) Prepared and distributed copies of meeting materials, such as agendas and reports;
- 4) Retained all Committee records and provided public access on the District website; and
- 5) Attended Committee proceedings and reported on the status of projects and expenditures of Measure E bond proceeds. The following District staff provided administrative support:
 - John Fogarty, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services;
 - Kelvin Okino, Executive Director Facilities Planning and Construction;
 - Sherry McGrew, Analyst II: Financial - Construction, Budget & Analysis; and
 - Cathie Rain, Administrative Assistant II.

6.0 Meeting Dates

During the 2019-20 year, the Committee met four times. The first three meetings were held at Measure E school sites. Following the meetings, District staff conducted tours of the facilities improved under Measure E. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the last meeting was held via video conference.

July 2019 through June 2020 Meetings

- July 22, 2019 (Location: Venado Middle School);
- October 28, 2019 (Location: Creekside High School);
- January 27, 2020 (Location: Northwood Elementary School); and
- April 27, 2020 (Location: Video Conference – Zoom).

7.0 Project Updates

The following projects were complete prior to the start of school in August 2019:

- Modernization Projects at Brywood and Meadow Park Elementary Schools;
- New Music Classroom Buildings at Brywood and Meadow Park Elementary Schools;
- New Science Classroom Expansion Projects at Rancho San Joaquin, Sierra Vista, South Lake, and Venado Middle Schools;
- Expansion at Eastshore Elementary School;

The following projects were complete in March 2020:

- High School Synthetic Track and Field Project at Woodbridge High School.

The following projects continued under construction:

- Modernization Project at Springbrook Elementary;
- New Music Building Project at Springbrook Elementary School; and
- Performing Arts Complex Project at Woodbridge High School.

Construction started on the following projects:

- New Music Classroom Building Project at Turtle Rock Elementary School; and
- New Multipurpose Building and Design Lab Renovation Project at Bonita Canyon Elementary School.

Planning continued on the following projects:

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- Northwood Elementary School: New Music Building and Kitchen Renovation;
- University Park Elementary School: New Classroom Building and Renovations;
- South Lake Middle School: Modernization and Music Classroom Expansion; and
- Woodbridge High School: Modernization.

Planning began on the following projects:

AUGMENTED FUNDS to ACCELERATE PROJECTS (AFAP)

- Canyon View Elementary School: Music Classroom Expansion and Renovation;
- Deerfield Elementary School: New Music Building and Kitchen Renovation;
- Oak Creek Elementary School: Music Classroom Expansion and Lunch Shelter; and
- Plaza Vista School: New Music Building and Renovation.

The following photos and renderings are for school sites under Series 1, Series 2, and the Augmented Funds to Accelerate Projects:

Projects Completed Between 7/1/2019 and 6/30/2020

Eastshore ES: Expansion



Eastshore ES: Kindergarten Play Area



Brywood ES: Modernization



Brywood ES: New Music Building



Meadow Park ES: Modernization



Meadow Park ES: New Music Building



Rancho San Joaquin MS: New Science Classrooms



Sierra Vista MS: New Science Classrooms



South Lake MS: New Science Classrooms



Venado MS: New Science Classrooms



Woodbridge HS: New Synthetic Track & Field



Projects Under Construction

Woodbridge HS: Performing Arts Complex



Woodbridge HS: Performing Arts Complex



Springbrook ES: Modernization



Springbrook ES: New Music Building



Bonita Canyon ES: New Multipurpose Building



Turtle Rock ES: New Music Building



Series 2 Projects in Planning

South Lake MS: Modernization and Expansion



Woodbridge HS: Modernization



Northwood ES: New Music Classroom



University Park ES: Renovation



AFAP Projects in Planning

Canyon View ES: New Innovation Lab



Deerfield ES: New Music Classroom



Oak Creek ES: Music Classroom Expansion



Plaza Vista School: Kindergarten Renovation



8.0 Audit Findings

The auditors reported there were no findings in the 2019-20 annual audits. The Committee received and reviewed the 2019-20 annual Irvine Unified School District Building Fund (Measure E) Financial and Performance Audits.

9.0 Conclusion

Based upon the listed activities, the Committee advises the public that the District is in compliance with Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution: Bond proceeds have been expended on projects set forth in the ballot measure; No bond proceeds have been used for teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenditures; and audits have been performed as prescribed by law.

10.0 Additional Information

Meeting minutes, audits, and various other documents are available on the District website: <https://iusd.org/departments/measure-e>.