

**MEASURE “ER”  
CITIZENS’ BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**El Rancho Unified School District**

**6:00 p.m.**

**District Professional Development Center  
9333 Loch Lomond Drive  
Pico Rivera, CA 90660**

**February 12, 2020**

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Susan Weinman, Chairperson at 6:10 p.m.

***ROLL CALL*** – Members of the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee

Raul Murga – absent  
Susan Weinman – present  
Robert Martinez – present  
Andre Martinez – present  
Diane Torres – present  
Pablo Martinez – absent  
Tanya Miller – absent

***DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION/Guest***

Frances Esparza, Ed.D., Superintendent – present

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Robert Martinez.

***Visitors*** – Register No. 2-2019/2020

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*Recommendation is made that the agenda be adopted as submitted.*

Motion: Robert Martinez                      Second: Andre Martinez                      Vote: 4 - 0                      Absent: 3

Vote:    D. Torres: Yes    R. Murga: Absent    R. Martinez: Yes    S. Weinman: Yes  
          P. Martinez: Absent    T. Miller: Absent    A. Martinez: Yes

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Members of the public have an opportunity to address the committee.*

Carolyn Castillo – Thanked the Citizens’ Bond Committee members for their services and participation. She served as a bond committee member for A & EE. She continued to ask questions that later led to conduct a study that led to more questions and unquestionable practices. Keep in mind that we are in a FCMAT audit and still ongoing. She’s looking for information on how the district can improve our processes. It’s important to ask questions on what the process is and what is being spent. Look over the invoices that they look

reasonable to you and don't be afraid to ask questions. We want you to be successful in overseeing our bond. Keep asking the why question. She learned a lot and made new friends.

John Albitre – Asked at the last board meeting when they were going to have applications for a new board member and never received the information. On Sunday, February 9, 2020 Whittier News front page, superintendent to request resignation form oversight committee Raul Murga who lives out of state. Murga was appointed the position with a 3-2 vote with board members Gabriel Orosco, Jose Lara, and Leanne Ibarra supporting the motion and Teresa Merino and Carolyn Castillo were opposed. Also stated, the community saw Murga campaigning along with Orosco in 2015. A review of Orosco's financial expenses was noted that Murga was paid \$760.00 in campaigning consulting fees. In 2018 during Ibarra's campaign, Murga was listed as a campaign worker and paid \$250.00. Listed is what you have to be part of to be on the committee and Murga doesn't fit none of that stuff.

Dr. Teresa Merino – Welcomed everyone, introduced herself, and thanked the committee for volunteering to be on the bond committee. In 2016 she was on the bond committee and served for two years before becoming board member. Her goal to work collaboratively with the bond committee to ensure that we all delivery to the community what was promised and that is the modernization of the high school. When she served on the committee she built a solid relationship, they were meeting monthly so were on top of the expenditures and activities. When Mrs. Castillo and Mrs. Mejia asked those hard questions and some of the bond members were removed because they asked questions about the bond and invoices. Your mission is to safeguard the tax payers' dollars. In closing I'm asking you work closely with the board and superintendent to reestablish joint board and CBOC meetings.

Esther Mejia – Shares same concerns as Mr. Albitre about Mr. Raul Murga being asked to resign. If he's not qualified for the position then she agrees to follow up with that. In addition, she's concerned that Mrs. Tanya Miller is listed on the committee as a DELAC representative but the DAC/DELAC minutes indicated that Ellen Ochoa does not have a DELAC representative. She urges Dr. Esparza to review the CBOC applications again. Past protocol were not followed, there was no interviews. This is a \$200,000,000.00 bond and we need people who really care about the city, community, and students, not friends of members on the board. Make sure everyone stays on track. Mrs. Mejia reminded the committee their duties is to review expenditures and yet the agenda had no none listed. That's one of your main duties is to hold district accountable and recommend to the chair and vice-chair id to review the agenda before it gets posted. Additionally, you are to inform the public with annual reports.

Mrs. Mejia had questions for Dr. Esparza –

Reports that haven't been filed because the committees were disbanded. Missing reports include 2016-17 A and EE.

Minutes missing March 3, 2018 never ratified

ER March 3, 2019 never ratified

Agendas

Annual reports

## 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting of September 24, 2019.

Motion: Andre Martinez

Second: Diane Torres

Vote: 4 - 0    Absent: 3

Vote:    D. Torres: Yes    R. Murga: Absent    R. Martinez: Yes    S. Weinman: Yes

          P. Martinez: Absent    T. Miller: Absent    A. Martinez: Yes

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Mr. Daniel Clem, Telacu Construction Management provided a brief presentation a brief update on the El Rancho High School Redevelopment Project Phase I.

7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mr. Robert Martinez requested minutes or updates from meetings held with Telacu, Bernards, and LPA. He also asked if the residents have been notified about the construction taking place.

8. **NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS**

None

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Motion: Andre Martinez Second: Robert Martinez Vote: 4-0 Absent: 3

Vote: D. Torres: Absent R. Murga: Yes R. Martinez: Yes S. Weinman: Yes  
P. Martinez: Absent T. Miller: Absent A. Martinez: Yes

Minutes by: Rosie Diaz