

# EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## MEASURE ER CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

February 23, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

The El Rancho Unified Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meetings will be held virtually and accessible via live stream through Facebook: <https://facebook.com/ElRanchoSchools/> and

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/elranchoschools>. Anyone who would like to address the Committee during the opportunity for public comments should complete the electronic form using this link: <https://forms.gle/9yiG1trEPWucXjbx8> and may call (669) 900-9128, Meeting ID: 925 8795 2615.

### MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Frances Esparza, Superintendent at 6:01 p.m.

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

Present:

John Contreras  
Ken Cook  
Guadalupe Diaz  
Jorge Mata  
Jesse Ortega  
Maria Restrepo

#### **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**

Frances Esparza, Ed.D., Superintendent

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by John Contreras.

*Visitors* – Register No. 01-2020/2021

#### 3. INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Esparza introduced Tyree Dorward from Best, Best, Krieger, LLP.

#### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Motion: Jorge Mata                      Second: John Contreras                      Vote: 6-0

Vote: John Contreras:                      Yes  
        Jesse Ortega:                              Yes  
        Ken Cook:                                    Yes  
        Maria Restrepo:                            Yes  
        Guadalupe Diaz:                           Yes  
        Jorge Mata:                                Yes

## 5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**Dr. Teresa Merino** – Welcomed the committee and expressed the excitement she feels seeing everyone. It’s been over a year since we’ve had a full committee. Dr. Merino informed the members that she served on the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee for three years and emphasized that it is a big responsibility but she knows the Committee is vested in the community, students, and the future.

**Esther Mejia** – Welcomed and thanked the members for serving on the Committee and everything they will be doing for the students and community. Also, expressed the excitement she feels to have a full Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee that was long overdue. Mrs. Mejia informed the members that she served on the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee for about six to seven years and it’s very rewarding.

**Carolyn Castillo** – She is thrilled to have the members volunteer to be on the CBOC Committee. They will find it interesting and rewarding. Be curious, ask questions, and if you don’t like the answer keep asking.

**Dr. Joseph Rivera** – Congratulations to everyone for taking on the task of being on the CBOC Committee. It is a mission of integrity and all of you bring integrity. You will be presented with a lot of information in regards to the bonds and expenditures, look at them carefully, question them. It is very important that we maintain the financial integrity of the bond program because it is our taxes, our property taxes, and we have the duty to make sure that they’re protected and that they are used the right way. He spent many years on the Rio Honda College Oversight Committee and one of the most important things that made a difference to him as the contractors completed different types of tasks. Dr. Rivera encouraged the Committee to take field trips to see that things happen.

**Arlene Perez** – Informed the members that she is new but very excited to work with the Committee. She will have a lot of questions being new and will have to reach out to them. If the Committee needs anything to please reach out to the Board for help.

## 6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **6.A. CBOC New Member Training – Tyree Dorward, Best, Best, Krieger LLP.**

Mr. Dorward provided New Member Training to the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee that included the procedures and process on how to conduct the meeting.

7. **NOMINATE AND SELECT COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

- 7.A.** Nominate and elect a Committee Vice-Chairperson  
Jorge Mata nominated Jesse Ortega for Chairperson, Jesse Ortega accepted.

Jesse Ortega, Chairperson

Motion: Jorge Mata                      Second: John Contreras                      Vote: 6-0

Vote: John Contreras:                      Yes  
Jesse Ortega:                      Yes  
Ken Cook:                      Yes  
Maria Restrepo:                      Yes  
Guadalupe Diaz:                      Yes  
Jorge Mata:                      Yes

- 7.B.** Nominate and elect a Committee Vice-Chairperson.  
John Contreras nominated Jorge Mata for Vice-Chairperson, Jorge Mata accepted.

Jorge Mata, Vice-Chairperson

Motion: Guadalupe Diaz                      Second: Jorge Mata                      Vote: 6-0

Vote: John Contreras:                      Yes  
Jesse Ortega:                      Yes  
Ken Cook:                      Yes  
Maria Restrepo:                      Yes  
Guadalupe Diaz:                      Yes  
Jorge Mata:                      Yes

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

- 8.A.** Adjourn the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting of February 23, 2021.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Motion: John Contreras                      Second: Jorge Mata                      Vote: 6-0

Vote: John Contreras:                      Yes  
Jesse Ortega:                      Yes  
Ken Cook:                      Yes  
Maria Restrepo:                      Yes  
Guadalupe Diaz:                      Yes  
Jorge Mata:                      Yes