

Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) Meeting #1
Tuesday, February 8, 2011
6pm – 8:40pm
Central Office Board Room

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
David M. Adelman	Mario Barrera
Louis Benavides	Herbert Brewer
Nellie Gomez Shannon	Linda Jackson
Josette Gonzalez	Martin Marin
Anthony Herrera	Randy Sanchez
Nettie Patricia Hinton	
Lillian M. Jones-McPherson	
Steve Lecholop	
José R. Limón	
Paul Anthony Lombrano	
Amy Middleton	
Richard Moore	
Celina Pena	
Rachel Ponce	
Addison Quiroga (Mr.)	
William (Bill) Reynolds	
Elizabeth Riojas	
Cynthia Rodriguez	
Douglas Sellers	

James Howard, SAISD Board President, opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking members for volunteering to be on the Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee.

Following Mr. Howard was Dr. Robert J. Durón, SAISD Superintendent. He also thanked the committee members for their presence and went on to state three goals for the district:

1. Improve student performance and statewide ratings
2. Balance the budget
3. Manage a \$515 million bond

He continued by outlining the goals of the bond to committee members, which are:

1. To be within the budget
2. To be on time
3. To provide quality work

Lastly, Dr. Durón read the purpose of the Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee:

- Monitor plans and processes directly related to the 2010 bond issue and construction projects funded by the bonds in order to ensure efficiency, legal and regulatory compliance
- Provide feedback to District staff regarding plans, recommendations and procedures related to the 2010 bond and construction projects
- Review progress reports
- Report its views and recommendations to the SAISD Board of Education.

Carmen Vázquez-González, Executive Director of Governmental and Community Relations followed Dr. Durón and also thanked the members for their service to the school district. She asked each member to introduce themselves to the other members of the committee.

Once completed, the COC nominated and elected the following members as officers:

- Chairman – Mario Barrera
- Vice Chairman – David Adelman
- Secretary – Steve Lecholop

Kamal El Habr, Associate Superintendent for Facilities Services then presented a Bond Update to the committee.

David Adelman, Vice Chairman of the COC, addressed the group in the absence of Chairman Mario Barrera. Below are the group's discussion points:

- ❖ Adelman presented a draft mission statement draft that could be used to guide the COC. Members are to review in order to discuss at a later date.
- ❖ A presentation to be given by staff was requested on how the district is contracting for services with architects and engineers.
- ❖ Kevin Hitchcock, Muñoz-Jacobs Program Manager offered to provide reports and information for the committee's review at future meetings. He also offered the committee a sample of regulations that other school districts have used to set rules and guidelines for the committee.
- ❖ Adelman would like a committee meeting to establish a governance plan based on the goals set for the bond addressed by Dr. Durón earlier in the meeting, which are to be within the budget, to be on time and to provide quality work.
- ❖ Steve Lecholop, Secretary, is to gather emails from committee members for communication purposes.
- ❖ The COC did not draw for terms. The newly-elected officers are to approach the Board for consent to not have terms. Committee members felt momentum would be lost if one-third of committee has to be appointed in 12 months. They did not take formal action on "no terms" because terms are spelled out in the COC charge that was attached to the Board agenda items in November 2010 and again in January 2011 when members were appointed.

The first in a series of meetings to update the community about the bond is scheduled Wednesday, February 16, at Jefferson High School Cafeteria.

The meeting was adjourned and members will be notified of when the next COC meeting will take place, at which time a briefing is expected by the Muñoz-Jacobs team.