

BEVERLY HILLS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
April 23, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) held a meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2026, in the District Office Collaboration Room, located at 624 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 pursuant to written notice as required by law.

Attendees

CBOC Members:

- Nathan Kruger
- Marc Carrel
- Bill Bymel
- Paris Elias-Benyamin
- Jasmine Yadgari
- Don Wyse

Fonder Salari

- Amin Salari
- Kimberly Emerson

Board of Education:

- Amanda Stern

District:

- Alex Cherniss
- Khai Nguyen
- Will Karrat
- Shirley Vasquez

Minutes Prepared By: Shirley Vasquez

1. Call to Order at 4:07 pm

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nathan Kruger.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.

Action: The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. The Nathan thanked Shirley for preparing and distributing the minutes.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes.

Action: The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

4. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

5. Performance Audit Report / Committee Report Discussion

The Committee discussed the current annual performance audit report and clarified that the version provided was the same final report previously reviewed, with only minor updates for public release and confirmation of CBOC participation. District staff confirmed no substantive changes had been made.

Key discussion points:

- The Committee had expected possible discussion of the forensic audit referenced in prior meetings; however, District staff clarified that no results are available at this time.
- District staff clarified that the previously discussed \$7 million credit was not related to a forensic audit, but rather to a construction closeout review of a contractor's contract.
- The credit reduced the contractor's contract amount from approximately \$126 million to \$119 million, reflecting unused contingencies and scope adjustments.
- Staff stated that the \$7 million adjustment helped eliminate the previously discussed program deficit and will be incorporated into the upcoming bond budget update presentation to the Board.
- The Committee discussed whether the prior open-book accounting concern noted in the performance audit remains an issue. Staff indicated that the concern has largely been addressed through the closeout review and reconciliation of contract amounts and expenditures.

Committee discussion on report themes:

- Members agreed that this year's CBOC report will likely be more limited and more positive than in prior years, as there were fewer significant findings.
- The Committee discussed whether to reference the prior open-book accounting issue in its report while noting that it has since been addressed through the closeout review.

6. Discussion of Historical Architectural Services / Potential Committee Concern

The Committee revisited a prior concern regarding historical architectural design contracts (DLR Group / predecessor work), including significant expenditures on planning and design for projects that were not ultimately constructed.

Discussion included:

- Questions regarding whether several million dollars in prior architectural planning and design costs may have represented overpayment or work that did not result in implemented projects.
- Staff noted that:
 - The work occurred many years ago, prior to current staff involvement.
 - The architect reportedly performed the work that was requested under contract.
 - Some of the expenditures related to planning, design, seismic analysis, DSA-related work, and modernization concepts.
- Some members expressed concern that, even if no wrongdoing occurred, the issue may warrant mention in the CBOC report as an unresolved concern or as a recommendation for additional review.

Follow-up requested:

District staff agreed to provide:

- Prior Board agenda items/approvals related to the architectural contracts
- Contract scopes of work
- Historical documentation available regarding those services

Committee members Jasmine and the Nathan agreed to review the materials and determine whether this issue should be referenced in the Committee's report.

7. Bond Program / Construction Program Update

District staff provided a high-level update on the bond program and major construction projects.

Key points:

- The Measure E program is essentially closed out, with only a very small remaining balance.
- The program is now projected to have an approximate \$3 million surplus due to the \$7 million closeout credit, from the B3 B4 project.
- Staff is scheduled to present a bond budget update at the next Board meeting to discuss:
 - How the recovered funds will be reallocated
 - Whether certain scope items previously considered for reduction can now proceed

Major ongoing construction:

- Current major work includes:
 - Completion of the new gym / athletic facilities
 - Demolition of the old gym
 - Construction of the new football stadium and track
 - Ongoing athletic campus work, including baseball and pool-related improvements
- Staff estimated major construction expenditures will continue at approximately \$1 million+ per month for the next 1.5 to 2 years.

8. CBOC Report Schedule / Special Meeting

The Committee discussed the timeline for finalizing and approving its annual report to the Board.

Agreed next steps:

- Jasmine and the Nathan will prepare a draft CBOC report.
- District staff will provide requested backup materials related to the historical architectural contracts.
- The Committee will hold a special meeting to review and approve the draft report.

Tentative special meeting:

Date: May 7, 2026 at 5 pm.

Target Board Annual Report Presentation: May 26, 2026 Board Meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 5:10 pm