

BEVERLY HILLS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
August 28, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) held a meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2025, 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
- Bill Bymel
- Marc Carrel
- Paris Elias-Benyamin
- Harry Kraushaar
- Jasmine Yadgari
- Don Wyse

Board Members:

- Rachelle Marcus
- Judith Manouchehri
- Sigalie Sabag
- Amanda Stern
- Russell Stuart

District:

- Dr. Alex Cherniss
- Dr. Jason Hasty
- Will Karrat
- Shirley Vasquez

Fonder-Salari

- Amin Salari
- Kimberly Emerson

Minutes Prepared By: Shirley Vasquez

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting convened at 4:07 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: APPROVED

APPROVAL OF May 1, 2025, Minutes: APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Paris Elias-Benyamin asked about the BV turf and if it is being paid out of the bond. The money to fund the turf project is coming out of Deferred Maintenance. Mr. Will Karrat said that the existing turf is being replaced, and an additional 50 feet is being added to meet regulation size requirements. This will allow the field to host home games for middle school football and soccer, as well as AYSO U12 and U14 matches. Ms. Jasmine Yadgari raised health risks, like cancer, associated with the artificial turf, because of the use of recycled tire infill. Mr. Karrat and Mr. Amin Salari responded and clarified that the new turf installed at the softball field does not contain any rubber or tire-based infill. Instead, the turf uses natural materials and includes a padding layer underneath, eliminating the need for infill. The plastic used in the turf is PFA-free.

Mr. Nathan Kruger requested to gain more clarity on the upcoming phase of construction, specifically regarding the gymnasium, the pool, and related facilities. Mr. Will Karrat recommended tuning into the next board meeting, which is expected to include an update and provide more detailed information on the scope and timeline of the construction phases.

Mr. Salari gave a summarized update on the projects at the high school, including the schedule when each project is completed, to answer Mr. Kruger question.

The Upper Athletic Field is substantially complete, along with the tennis courts and softball field. These areas have been delivered to the school. While the softball field has a few remaining items to be addressed, it appears complete and ready for use. This phase is expected to reach 100% completion by December 2025.

The B3 and B4 buildings, including the band room, dance room, and Salters Theater, have been completed and are currently in use by the school. The main auditorium is nearing completion, with bleacher installation expected to be finished by the end of September.

The progress for Building C, which encompasses the new facilities, construction is actively underway, with visible progress such as walls going up. Contracted with Swinerton, this project is scheduled for completion by December 2026.

Initial challenges related to soil conditions have been resolved, and all work remains on schedule and within budget.

For the south site, no contractor has been engaged yet. Work in this area will begin only after the current phases are completed.

A new contract focused solely on the parking lot (Olympic and Heath) is in the early stages. Procurement is expected to begin within a week or so, with plans to engage a design-build contractor.

Ms. Yadgari asked whether the District is receiving any state funding. Mr. Karrat responded that there are three pending applications currently being handled by the District's consultant. She also asked if technology funds are being redirected to cover construction costs, and Mr. Karrat clarified that technology funding is not being used to address the construction deficit. In addition, Mr. Salari will present value engineering options at the next Board meeting. A video clip of the presentation will be sent to the committee members after the board meeting.

Mr. Kruger went over the list of committee members affiliations and representations. The recruitment is continuous, and applications can always be submitted. Application form can be downloaded from the District website. He requested for Dr. Alex Cherniss to send out an email to all parents inviting people to apply. Another request should be sent to Nancy Coffey and she can also announce it to the city. One category the committee needs is a member of a senior citizens' organization.

The committee to do a tour of the high school and schedule it for the next meeting. There will also be a meeting on December 11, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm.