

PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BYLAWS

The following bylaws are hereby adopted by the Bond Oversight Committee following approval of Paramount Unified School District Board of Education Resolution No. 24-41:

Section 1. Committee Established. Pursuant to Board of Education Resolution No. 24-41, there is hereby established a citizens' oversight committee, hereinafter referred to as the Paramount Unified School District Bond Oversight Committee ("Bond Oversight Committee") for the purpose as set forth in Section 3 below and to perform duties as set forth in Section 4 below.

Section 2. Membership. Membership shall be as appointed by the Board of Education pursuant to the categories and as otherwise set forth in California Education Code Section 15282. Terms of the members shall be for a period of two years from the date of appointment pursuant to Resolution No. 24-41 and they shall serve without compensation as required by California Education Code Section 15282(a). Members shall not serve for more than three consecutive terms or six years pursuant to California Education Code Section 15282(a). Additional members may be appointed by the Board of Education prior to the end of any current member's term.

Section 3. Purpose. Pursuant to California Education Code Section 15278(b), the primary purpose of the newly established Bond Oversight Committee shall be to inform and advise the public and the Paramount Unified School District ("District") concerning the expenditure of bond revenues pursuant to bond Measure Q, approved on November 5, 2024, and all current and future bond measures (collectively, the "bond measure").

Section 4. Duties. Pursuant to California Education Code Section 15278(b), the Bond Oversight Committee shall actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction. The Bond Oversight Committee shall advise the public as to whether the District is in compliance with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution as described in (1) below. The Bond Oversight Committee shall convene to provide oversight for, but not be limited to, the following in compliance with California Education Code Section 15278:

(1) Ensuring that the revenues of the bond measure are expended only for the purposes described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution which limits expenditures for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, as more specifically described in the bond measure.

(2) Ensuring that, as prohibited by subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses and in compliance with California Attorney General Opinion No. 04-110, Nov. 9, 2004 (87 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 157).

(3) In furtherance of its purpose as stated in California Education Code Section 15278, the Bond Oversight Committee may engage in any of the following activities:

(a) Receiving and reviewing copies of the annual, independent performance audit required by subparagraph (C) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution. Pursuant to California Education Code Section 15286, submission of the annual independent performance audit for the preceding fiscal year shall be made to the Bond Oversight Committee by March 31 of each year after bonds are issued and revenues received by the District.

(b) Receiving and reviewing copies of the annual, independent financial audit required by subparagraph (C) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution. Pursuant to California Education Code Section 15286, submission of the annual independent performance audit for the preceding fiscal year shall be made to the Bond Oversight Committee by March 31 of each year after bonds are issued and revenues received by the District.

(c) Inspecting school facilities and grounds to ensure that bond revenues are expended in compliance with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution as described in Section 4(1) above.

(d) Receiving and reviewing copies of any deferred maintenance proposals or plans developed by the District, including any reports required by California Education Code Section 17584.1.

(e) Reviewing efforts by the District to maximize bond revenues by implementing cost-saving measures, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- (1) Mechanisms designed to reduce the costs of professional fees.
- (2) Mechanisms designed to reduce the costs of site preparation.

- (3) Recommendations regarding the joint use of core facilities.
- (4) Mechanisms designed to reduce costs by incorporating efficiencies in school site design.
- (5) Recommendations regarding the use of cost-effective and efficient reusable facility plans.

Section 5. Meetings of the Bond Oversight Committee.

Section 5.1. Meetings Open to the Public and Public Notice. Pursuant to California Education Code Section 15280(b), all Bond Oversight Committee proceedings shall be open to the public. Notices to the public shall be provided pursuant to the notice requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950 et seq., including Sections 54954.2 and 54956).

Section 5.2. Agenda Preparation. The Chair shall prepare the meeting agenda with technical assistance as necessary as set forth in Section 5.11 hereof. Any Bond Oversight Committee member may submit to the Chair, at least seven business days prior to the meeting, an agenda item that the Chair shall consider placing on the agenda for the next meeting. A majority of the Bond Oversight Committee shall have the right to add items to the meeting agenda in compliance with the Brown Act. All agenda items shall be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Bond Oversight Committee pursuant to California Education Code Section 15278.

Section 5.3. Meeting Schedule. The Bond Oversight Committee shall establish its meeting schedule. It is recommended that the Bond Oversight Committee generally meet on a quarterly basis.

Section 5.4. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Bond Oversight Committee.

Section 5.5. Meeting Procedure. Meetings shall be conducted, unless otherwise determined by a majority of the Bond Oversight Committee at a meeting without revision to these bylaws, guided by the most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 5.6. Location. All meetings shall be held at 15110 California Avenue, Paramount, California or such other site within the District agreed upon by the Bond Oversight Committee without cost to the District.

Section 5.7. Reports and Minutes. The Bond Oversight Committee shall issue regular reports on the results of its activities. A report shall be issued at least once a year from the establishment of the Bond Oversight Committee. Minutes of the proceedings of the Bond Oversight Committee and all documents received and reports issued shall be a matter of public record and shall be made available on an Internet website maintained by the District.

Section 5.8. Removal of Members; Vacancy. The Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, may remove any Bond Oversight Committee member for cause, including failure to attend three consecutive Bond Oversight Committee meetings, or for failure to comply with the Bond Oversight Committee Ethics Policy described in Attachment A. A member shall no longer serve and shall be automatically disqualified pursuant to California Education Code Section 15282(b) if the member becomes an employee or official of the District or becomes a vendor, contractor, or consultant to the District.

Section 5.9. Subcommittees. The Bond Oversight Committee may form subcommittees for a specific task and for a specific period of time. Any subcommittee shall report to the Bond Oversight Committee. The Chair, or his or her designee may serve as ex-officio member on any subcommittee. Subcommittee meetings shall be noticed and open to the public pursuant to Section 5.1 hereof.

Section 5.10. Ethics; Conflicts of Interest. By accepting appointment to the Bond Oversight Committee, each member agrees to comply with the Bond Oversight Committee Ethics Policy included as Attachment A to the Bylaws.

Section 5.11. Technical Assistance. Pursuant to California Education Code Section 15280, the Board of Education shall, without expending bond funds, provide the Bond Oversight Committee with necessary technical assistance and shall provide administrative assistance in furtherance of its purpose and sufficient resources to publicize the conclusions of the Bond Oversight Committee.

Section 6. Officers. The Bond Oversight Committee may elect, at any time, a Chair and a Vice Chair who shall carry out the duties and responsibilities as follows:

Section 6.1. Duties of the Chair. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Bond Oversight Committee and may sign letters, reports, or other communications on behalf of the Bond Oversight Committee. The Chair also serves as the spokesperson and representative to the Board of Education on behalf of the Bond Oversight Committee.

Section 6.2. Duties of the Vice Chair. The Vice Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair. The Vice Chair shall also be responsible for such duties as may be assigned by the Chair.

Section 6.3. Terms of Chair and Vice Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair shall serve at the pleasure of the Bond Oversight Committee and may be selected or replaced at any time in the discretion of the majority of the members in a meeting at which a quorum is present and the matter is properly listed in the agenda under the Brown Act.

Section 7. Adoption and Amendment of Bylaws. The Bond Oversight Committee shall adopt its own bylaws and may amend its bylaws by a majority vote of the Committee at which a quorum is present.

Section 8. Termination of Committee. The Bond Oversight Committee shall terminate upon completion of all duties pursuant to California Education Code Section 15278 et seq. or unless superseded by a new Bond Oversight Committee formed by the Board of Education.

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The bylaws, as set forth above, were duly adopted by a majority vote of the quorum of the Bond Oversight Committee on this date, _____, 20__.

Dated: _____

By: _____

Its: Chair

ATTACHMENT A

BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ETHICS POLICY STATEMENT

This Ethics Policy Statement provides general guidelines for Bond Oversight Committee members to follow carrying out their roles. Not all ethical issues that Bond Oversight Committee members face are covered in this Statement. However, this Statement describes some of the critical areas that help define ethical and professional conduct for Bond Oversight Committee members. Bond Oversight Committee members are expected to adhere to the provisions of this Ethics Policy Statement.

POLICY

- **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**. A Bond Oversight Committee member shall not make or influence a District decision related to: (1) any contract funded by bond proceeds or (2) any construction project which will benefit the Bond Oversight Committee member's outside employment, business, or personal finances or benefit a family member, such as a spouse, child or parent. Pursuant to California Education Code Section 35233, Bond Oversight Committee members shall comply with California Government Code Section 1090 et seq. and California Government Code Section 1125 et seq.
- **OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT**. A Bond Oversight Committee member shall not use his or her authority over a particular matter to negotiate future employment with any person or organization that relates to: (1) any contract funded by bond proceeds, or (2) any construction project. A Bond Oversight Committee member shall not make or influence a District decision related to any construction project involving the interest of a person with whom the member has an agreement concerning current or future employment, or remuneration of any kind.
- **COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD LAW**. A Bond Oversight Committee member shall uphold the federal and California Constitutions, the laws and regulations of the United States and the State of California (particularly the California Education and Government Codes) and all other applicable policies of the Paramount Unified School District.
- **COMMITMENT TO DISTRICT**. A Bond Oversight Committee member shall place the interest of the District above any personal or business interest of the member.