

**CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

31495 Robert Road
Thousand Palms, CA 92276

February 10, 2025 – 5:00 pm
Della Lindley Elementary School

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Member Kalfuss.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Kalfuss led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL (Establishment of a Quorum)**

The Roll Call was conducted at 5:01 pm and a quorum was established by Member Kalfuss.

Members present: Helene Kalfuss (Co-chair)
 Richard Clapp
 Justin Decker

Absent: Scott Fenton (Chair)
 Linda Scudder (resigned)

District staff present: Jeff Simmons, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
 Julie Arthur, Executive Director, Facilities Planning Development
 Kristina Murphy, Senior Administrative Assistant, Business Services

Public present: None

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (solicited online and in writing 72 hours prior to the meeting)**

None.

5. **Tour Della Lindley Elementary School Site Bond Project**

The committee toured the modernization project currently underway at Della Lindley ES, led by Julie Arthur. Julie prefaced the committee with a project map.

6. **Project Discussion and Updates**

Julie Arthur presented updates on the current bond projects:

Bubbling Wells Elementary Modernization

The school was built in the early 1990's. This Project will be funded with Measure S. Although the district will not sell a tranche until 2026 or until the funds are needed. Similar to the Sunny Sands ES and Landau ES projects, we want to go 2 story to recapture some of the playfields. The design work to complete plans and submit to the Division of State Architect for approval will take place during 2025/2026.

Cathedral City High Modernization

The modernization project will upgrade existing classrooms, administration, kitchen, library, and auxiliary buildings. The scope of work is exceptionally large for the high school and was divided into several increments. The first two (2) increments include the central plant replacement, revisions to underground utilities, replacement of classroom lighting and air handlers and roofing replacement where new HVAC is required. The first two increments are nearing completion. The next increment is scheduled to start in Springs 2025. This scope of the modernization work covers all the classrooms, administration, gym media centers and food service areas. Overall completion of the school modernization is expected by the end of 2027.

Della S. Lindley Elementary Modernization and Design

The committee toured the school campus this evening to see the progress of the project. Temporary classrooms were installed on campus to allow students to move into while the existing classroom modernization work takes place. Construction work started over the 2023 holiday break with the installation of 6 interim classrooms. The first 2 phases of classrooms (12 classrooms) and library are completed. The remaining 9 classrooms, office, MPR and kitchen will be completed over the next 15 months.

District Wide Prop 39

Projects ongoing.

DLA 500 Building Replacement

This project is complete. The building is occupied. The teachers are online and in person using the new building.

Facilities Master Plan

The California Department of Education requires California school districts to prepare and/or update their Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for their district every five years. Projects are prioritized with high priority going to safety and security of campuses and buildings with aging infrastructure.

James Workman Middle Modernization

The James Workman Middle School modernization project will upgrade existing classrooms, administration, kitchen, library, locker rooms and multi-purpose room. The twelve portable classrooms have been replaced with state-of-the-art new classrooms with teachers moving in over the winter 2024/2025 holiday. Upon completion of the new classrooms, students will rotate in and out as the existing classroom undergo modernization. The modernization of the school is scheduled to be completed in July 2027.

Landau Elementary Modernization

The Landau Elementary School modernization will replace all existing classrooms, (portables and metal modulares) with new 2-story classroom buildings, kindergarten area, library and office. The existing multi-purpose building will be renovated to allow for an expanded kitchen area. Temporary classrooms were installed on campus to allow students to move into while the existing classroom modernization work takes place. Construction work started over the 2023 holiday break and all phases of the modernization are expected to be completed in August 2027.

Nellie Coffman Middle School Locker Room Upgrade

This project is close to completion. Small changes are needed for ADA compliance.

PSHS Locker Room HVAC

The locker-rooms at Palm Springs High School have swamp coolers which are not functioning. The swamp coolers are being replaced with new efficient heating and ventilation equipment. Work began in Fall is scheduled to start over Spring break of 2024 and is scheduled for completion in August of 2025.

Sunny Sands Elementary Modernization

The project will replace all existing classrooms, (portables and metal modulares) with new 2-story classroom buildings, kindergarten area, library, and office. The existing multi-purpose building will be renovated to allow for an expanded kitchen area. Temporary classrooms have been installed on campus for students to use while the new classrooms are being constructed. The construction schedule is to be completed in September 2027.

7. BOND EXPENDITURE REPORTS REVIEW

The committee reviewed the quarterly expenditure reports provided by the district.

- Jeff discussed funding pots for the different projects.
 - There are noticeable price increases from the original project expenditures. Especially when it takes several years to complete a mod project.
 - Cathedral City HS and James Workman MS will not house summer school this year. It will be moved to another campus so the modernization projects can function.

8. REVIEW COMMITTEE BYLAWS REVISION

The committee reviewed the changes that were discussed at the October 15, 2024, meeting. The changes will be submitted for approval at the Board of Education meeting on March 11, 2025.

Jeff reviewed the changes that are being proposed.

9. COC VACANCIES and CURRENT TERMS

Member Kalfuss noted that we are actively recruiting for the following positions:

- Business Community Representative
- Parent of a Student in PSUSD
- Senior Citizen Representative (seat resigned by Linda Scudder)

Member Clapp offered to move to our Senior Citizens Representative seat which will leave an at Large seat open.

Member Kalfuss is considering not recommitting. She does not feel her background fits the committee.

- Jeff noted that the commitment is more about representation for the taxpayers of our community.
- Member Kalfuss – committed to another 2 years as an at Large member.

Members were asked to have interested candidates forward names of potential candidates to the Business Services office or direct them to our website to complete an application for consideration.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Kalfuss asked for a motion to approve the COC Regular Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2024. Member Clapp made a motion and Member Decker second. The committee unanimously agreed.

11. SETTING OF THE NEXT MEETING AND LOCATION

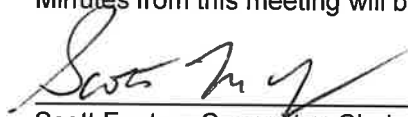
The next COC Regular Board meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2025, at 5:00pm at Desert Learning Academy.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Member Kalfuss asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Decker made a motion and Member Clapp second.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Minutes from this meeting will be approved during the next Regular Meeting on May 12, 2025.



Scott Fenton, Committee Chair
Helene Kalfuss, Committee Co-Chair

5-12-25
Date