

Monterey Peninsula Community College District
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Monday, June 8, 2020
3:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting (Zoom)

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Dan Albert, Jr., Vice Chair
Mr. Rob Lee, Chair
Mr. Glenn Nolte
Ms. Michelle Overmeyer
Dr. Linda Turner Bynoe

ABSENT:

Mr. Dave Hober
Ms. Ellise Kittrell

STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Shawn Anderson, Assistant to the President
Ms. Rosemary Barrios, Controller
Mr. Steve Haigler, Interim Vice President, Administrative Services
Mr. David Martin, Interim Superintendent/President

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Michael Carson, Kitchell

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Monterey Peninsula College Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Lee.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Approve [March 2, 2020 Minutes](#)

Motion made by Vice Chair Albert Jr., seconded by Ms. Overmeyer, to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020, meeting. Motion carried.

AYES:	5	MEMBERS:	Albert Jr., Lee, Nolte, Overmeyer, Turner Bynoe
NOES:	0	MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	2	MEMBERS:	Hober, Kittrell
ABSTAIN:	0	MEMBERS:	None

4. Accept Bills and Warrants Report

Chair Lee reviewed the report by page and invited questions.

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Mr. Nolte noted that there was an approximately \$7 million discrepancy between “to date expenses” of \$141 million and “total payments” of \$148 million. President Martin explained that these funds have not yet been expended; instead, they are budgeted and set aside for planned future projects: Parker Flats Public Safety Training Center (\$5.9 million) and the baseball field, Child Development Center playground, and general contingency fund (\$2.4 million). Vice Chair Albert Jr. inquired as to whether or not these funds are encumbered. President Martin responded that they are not; they have yet to be attached to any purchase orders or contracts.

Motion made by Ms. Overmeyer, seconded by Mr. Nolte, to approve the Bills and Warrants Report. Motion carried.

AYES:	5	MEMBERS:	Albert Jr., Lee, Nolte, Overmeyer, Turner Bynoe
NOES:	0	MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	2	MEMBERS:	Hober, Kittrell
ABSTAIN:	0	MEMBERS:	None

5. Review Bond Expenditure Status Report

Chair Lee reviewed the Bond Expenditure Status Report and invited questions. Members had no comments or questions.

6. Review Monterey County Treasurer’s Quarterly Investment Report

Chair Lee invited questions regarding the Monterey County Treasurer’s Report of Investments for the quarter ending March 31, 2020. Members had no comments or questions.

7. Receive Superintendent/President’s Report

President Martin provided updates on the topics listed below.

Summer 2020 Session

President Martin reported that MPC’s summer courses will continue to be offered online.

Fall 2020 Semester

President Martin reported that MPC’s Fall 2020 Semester also will be primarily online, as with other higher education institutions in the University of California system, the California State University system, and the California Community Colleges system. This decision was made as early as possible following a week of engagement of campus community members, to enable MPC faculty to prepare for their courses and students to prepare for their studies.

He noted that we will continue to work through county and state health guidance to determine the feasibility of reopening the College in a very limited format over the next several weeks and into the next several months. He reported that MPC has a unique opportunity to offer face-to-face courses in the middle of our semester, if we can do so in a safe and healthy environment, with our handful of “Late

Start” classes. These classes start halfway through the semester and progress at a quicker pace than our regular classes.

Additionally, President Martin noted that we need to provide our students with support services such as counseling, library access, computer lab, and printer access. The quicker we can provide those services in a safe and healthy environment, the better it will be for our students. He indicated that if there are opportunities to bring students on campus in the next several weeks, it will be by appointment only. President Martin added that we are currently working through conversations about the safe provision of such services. We hope to have a clear path forward, with additional state and county guidance, by the end of this month.

MPC Facilities and Technology Master Plan

President Martin reported that the development of the campus-wide [Facilities and Technology Master Plan, 2020-2025](#) was a major focus of the Spring 2020 Semester. This five-year plan, which was developed with input from MPC’s participatory governance groups, outlines MPC’s opportunities to focus future proceeds from a potential bond or any other type of external funding sources on specific areas of our campus. The plan will be presented to the Governing Board of Trustees for a first reading on June 24, 2020, and for adoption on July 22, 2020.

Potential MPC Local Facilities Bond

President Martin announced that MPC concluded its [feasibility study](#) for a potential November 2020 bond. As part of the feasibility study, MPC brought in a polling consultant to reach out to community members regarding the potential facilities bond. The consultant also was responsible for drafting a comprehensive report with the results of the poll. The results of the poll, which were reported to the Board of Trustees two weeks ago, are positive. They indicate that moving forward with a November 2020 bond is feasible.

President Martin reported that the Governing Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting this evening to consider authorizing staff to begin the next step of the process—the comprehensive consensus building and marketing stage. He noted that the pursuit of a bond isn’t official or final unless the Board takes formal action to place an initiative on the November 2020 ballot. The deadline for such action is August 7, 2020. In the meantime, we are excited to engage our community and industry leaders in pursuit of a potential bond.

Vice Chair Albert Jr. inquired as to the type and size of the bond being considered. President Martin responded that the initial polling ranged between \$19 and \$25 per \$100,000 of assessments, which would put the size of the bond, based on current assessed value, between approximately \$225 million and \$290 million. President Martin estimated that we might consider approximately \$250 million; however, the final number of assessed value will be determined at a later date, following additional community input.

Ms. Overmeyer asked if the polling was conducted prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. President Martin responded in the negative. He noted that the original plan was to conduct the feasibility study at the end of March, but it was postponed given the rapidly unfolding events surrounding the pandemic. Instead, the poll was conducted during the last two weeks of April 2020 and the first week of May 2020, which was toward the end of the initial Shelter-in-Place order. He reported that over 100 community members were surveyed.

Vice Chair Albert Jr. inquired as to the voter approval rate. President Martin explained that it's a Proposition 39 bond; therefore, the voter approval rate is 55%. President Martin added that the polling consultants used a variety of polling techniques to measure the likelihood and strength of voter commitment, which came back between 63% and 67% in favor of a bond. He noted that typically, that level of strength in a feasibility study would suggest that a district continue with the potential pursuit of a November bond election.

President Martin noted that a new bond could be folded into the responsibilities of this Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

Mr. Nolte asked what percentage of the people who were polled were employed and how that correlates with the percentage of people who are going to be voting on this bond issue. President Martin answered that he's unaware if the polling process included questions as to the employment of the individuals participating in the poll. However, he noted that the polling process utilized a long list of different ideas and types of projects to gauge the reaction of the individuals participating. This assists us to determine whether or not they are unlikely, likely, or very likely to support specific types of projects and ideas. He added that another part of the poll was intended to identify areas of concern in the community. Doing so will help us understand the questions and concerns our community still has regarding a potential bond, and what information they may need to make their final decision if we have a bond initiative on the November ballot.

8. Review Meeting Schedule

Chair Lee reviewed the future scheduled meetings of the committee.

- Monday, August 31
- Monday, November 2 (Annual Organizational Meeting)

9. Suggestions for Future Agenda Topics and Announcements

Ms. Overmeyer requested that the Committee continue to consider a tour of the completed and in-process projects when it is safe to do so. Chair Lee concurred.

10. Adjournment

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.