Morongo Unified School District

Citizen Oversight Committee

Joshua Tree Professional Development Center – Meeting Room

6061 Sunburst Ave., Joshua Tree, CA 92252

Tuesday, January 20, 6 p.m.

Attendees

Committee members present:

- Jeff Brady
- John Cole
- Jennifer Cusack
- Daniel Iniguez
- Bryan Sullivan
- Paul Hoffman
- Rebekah Wahlberg

Others present:

- David Daniels
- Mike Ogdahl
- Faith Segovia
- Andrea Kozlosky
- Andrew Spear

1. Call to Order
    a. Committee Chair Jeff Brady called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
2. Adoption of minutes from Sept. 16, 2025
    a. Committee member Paul Hoffman moved to accept the previous meeting's minutes, and committee member John Cole seconded.
3. Projects Update
    a. Mike Ogdahl, director of maintenance and operations, presented an update on Measure C projects in progress, including:
        i. Construction on the 29 Palms Junior High School kitchen continues, on schedule and within budget.
            1. Progress photos can be found on the school district's website.
        ii. The project to install a relocatable restroom building at 29 Palms Junior High School is in progress, but slow going.

1. Designs have been sent to the architect, and location options are being reviewed.

iii. Plans for a new administration building at 29 Palms Junior High School are moving forward.
    1. MUSD approved a re-design, and the architect is to begin designing plans.

iv. The project to install shade structures at all sites is moving along.
    1. Final drawings of the plans are pending approval from the architect.

v. Stadium improvements at Yucca Valley and 29 Palms high schools are moving along, as well.
    1. The architect is reviewing testing reports for both sites.

vi. The district is in the planning stages for new HVAC systems for the gyms at 29 Palms Junior High School, Yucca Valley High School, and 29 Palms High School; and for classrooms and cooling towers at Onaga Elementary School.
    1. The district completed job walks with the contractor and is waiting to see proposals from the contractor.

vii. The district is in the design and planning stages for SELPA portable units at Yucca Valley Elementary School, Condor Elementary School, Oasis Elementary School, Onaga Elementary School, and 29 Palms Junior High School.
    1. Purchase orders are in progress, and maintenance and operations is meeting with the district's SELPA director to discuss plans.

viii. Combination clock, speaker, and strobe units were added to the scope of the PA and bell system upgrades project.
    1. The project will be put out to bid soon.

ix. Roofing maintenance is planned at 29 Palms High School, 29 Palms Junior High School, 29 Palms Elementary School, Palm Vista Elementary School, Yucca Valley High School, and Yucca Valley Elementary School.
    1. A contractor is working on determining the scope of the project for the district to review.

b. Mr. Sullivan asked if recommendations made by MUSD's enrollment committee will impact any Measure C projects.
    i. David Daniels, assistant superintendent of business services, said the district is being mindful of the potential recommendations from that committee, but is maintaining the status quo for now.

4. Financial Report
    a. Faith Segovia, director of fiscal services, gave a report on bond expenditures to date.

        i. The district is in the process of implementing a different tracking system for project management that will allow for more customization and options when presenting reports to the committee.
    b. Mr. Brady asked how contractors are chosen for projects.
        i. Mr. Daniels explained that the procurement process is the same for Measure C projects as it is for other projects.
            1. Projects projected to cost $200,000 or more — which includes every current and foreseeable Measure C project — go through a formal bidding process.
    c. Committee member Jennifer Cusak asked for more information about Southern Bleachers, a company that appears on the MUSD Measure C financial activity report.
        i. Mr. Daniels answered that Southern Bleachers is a company that designs and manufactures bleachers. MUSD contracted with the company to design bleachers for the stadium upgrades project, but no bleachers have been purchased yet.
5. Bond Audit
    a. Ms. Segovia also presented an audit report authored by third-party accountancy company Nigro & Nigro.
        i. As a provision of the passage of Measure C, the district must conduct an independent performance audit annually to ensure that funds were spent only on projects that fall within the scope of the measure.
        ii. The independent auditor found that the district's financial statements accurately and fairly represent the district's spending on Measure C projects.
        iii. Ms. Cusack asked when series B of the bond would be sold.
            1. Mr. Daniels said the series sales are typically spaced about 2 to 3 years apart.
        iv. Mr. Hoffman asked for clarification on a line in the audit that reads: "Any discrepancies or weaknesses in internal controls are noted and recommendations for improvement are provided."
            1. Ms. Segovia explained that if the auditor had identified weaknesses, they would have pointed it out in the report; but as the auditor didn't identify weaknesses, that wasn't necessary.
        v. Mr. Sullivan asked if an audit like this is performed every year.
            1. Ms. Segovia said yes — every fiscal year that the district spends bond money, the district is required to get an independent audit.
6. Public Comments
    a. There were no public comments.
7. Committee Comments

    a. Ms. Cusack asked if there's a possibility that the district may apply for and receive grants to help fund Measure C projects, and if so, whether this committee would have oversight on that funding, as well.
        i. Mr. Daniels and Ms. Segovia noted that it is possible for the district to receive some matching funds from the state of California's Office of Public School Construction; however, that funding can only be applied for after a project is finished, comes in the form of a reimbursement, and isn't guaranteed. At this time, no reimbursement is planned for Measure C projects.
    b. Mr. Cole noted that he can't attend the next MUSD Board of Education meeting to present a report with Mr. Brady.
        i. Committee member Daniel Iniguez may attend the board meeting to give the report; otherwise, Mr. Brady will do so.
8. Next Committee Meeting
    a. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, at 6 p.m. at the Joshua Tree Professional Development Center Meeting Room, at 6061 Sunburst Ave.
9. Adjournment
    a. Mr. Brady adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.