

**SAN JOSÉ UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION 2025-12-12-03**

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
SAN JOSÉ UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A CITIZEN’S OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE FOR MEASURE R**

**WHEREAS**, the San José Unified School District (“District”) is a public school district organized and operated relative to the laws of the State of California (“State”); and

**WHEREAS**, the issuance of not to exceed \$1.15 billion in aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the District was authorized at an election held on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of making capital improvements identified in a bond measure known as “Measure R” (“Bond Measure”), all in accordance with the provisions of the California Constitution and related California law, and on December 12, 2024, the results thereof were certified by the Board of Education (“Board”); and

**WHEREAS**, applicable provisions of the California Education Code require, upon certain terms and conditions, the formation and appointment of an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (“COC”) for certain purposes relative to general obligation bonds approved pursuant to the provisions and requirements of Proposition 39, and the Board now intends to commence the process to establish the COC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, determined and ordered by the Board of Education of the San José Unified School District as follows:

*Section 1.* The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated by this reference.

*Section 2.* The Board intends to establish the COC and appoint persons to the COC pursuant to State law, the Bond Measure, and this Resolution, within the time period required by State law.

*Section 3.* The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee, to advertise for and solicit candidates for consideration of appointment to the COC, review applications submitted to the District for COC membership and make recommendations to the Board to assist the Board in appointing COC members. Members of the Board may refer potential candidates to the Superintendent for consideration.

*Section 4.* COC members shall serve for a term of two (2) years without compensation, except that in the first year, the COC may have several members who are appointed for one year, with an opportunity for re-appointment to a two-year term thereafter, to establish a staggering of terms for the life of the COC. Members of the COC may be appointed by the Board, in its discretion, for no more than three (3) consecutive terms as specified by applicable law.

The Superintendent or a designee may conduct interviews of interested and qualified citizens and make recommendations to the Board for appointment; provided, however, that the Superintendent need not interview, select or recommend for appointment all applicants who apply. The Board shall have the

authority in its sole discretion to appoint members of the COC. While the COC must consist of at least seven (7) members, by appointing more than 7 members, the Board shall have been determined to have increased the final size of the COC accordingly.

As required by law, COC membership shall include the following categories:

1. One member shall be active in a business organization representing the business community located within the school district;
2. One member shall be active in a senior citizens' organization;
3. One member shall be active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization;
4. One member shall be the parent or guardian of at least one child currently enrolled in a school of the District;
5. One member shall be both a parent/guardian of at least one child currently enrolled in a school of the District and be an active member in a District parent-teacher organization, such as the PTA or school site council; and
6. Two or more members shall be appointed as "At-Large" members.

No employee or official of the District may be appointed to the COC. Additionally, no vendor, contractor, or consultant of the District may be appointed to the COC.

Residency within the District is not required; however, the Board strongly prefers that members of the COC live or work within the boundaries of the District.

In the event that the District has not received sufficient applications in the time period required for the initial establishment of the COC, the Board shall appoint as many qualified members as possible and the District shall continue its recruitment efforts thereafter.

*Section 5.* The purpose of the COC shall be to actively review and inform the public regarding the expenditure of proceeds of the Bond Measure and the COC shall convene for specific purposes limited to providing oversight for such bond proceeds expenditures, including providing oversight for the following:

- (a) To ensure that proceeds 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; and
- (b) To ensure that no proceeds of the Bond Measure are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses.

Consistent with the requirements of law, the COC shall serve an audit function only, and shall not replace or impede the activity and discretionary decision making of elected Board members, District staff or advisory committees.

*Section 6.* In furtherance of its specifically enumerated purposes, the COC may engage in any of the following activities relating solely and exclusively to the expenditure of proceeds of the Bond Measure:

- (a) Receive and review copies of the annual, independent financial audits performed by an independent consultant selected the District.

- (b) Receive and review copies of the annual, independent performance audits performed by an independent consultant selected by the District.
- (c) Inspect school facilities and grounds to ensure that Bond Measure revenues are expended in compliance with applicable law.
- (d) Receive and review copies of any deferred maintenance proposals or plan developed by the District.
- (e) Review efforts of District to maximize Bond Measure revenues by implementing cost-saving measures.

*Section 7.* All COC proceedings shall be open to the public and notice to the public shall be subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in Government Code section 54950 et seq.

*Section 8.* All members of the COC shall not have any conflict of interest in the matters which they review. Members of the COC shall, pursuant to Education Code section 35233, abide by the prohibitions contained in Article 4 (commencing with Section 1090) and Article 4.7 (commencing with Section 1125) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code regarding conflicts of interest and incompatible activities.

*Section 9.* The Board hereby reserves the right to amend its direction to the COC in order to comply with changes occurring in State law or rulings and determinations made by State courts or the California Fair Political Practices Commission. The Board also delegates to the Superintendent, and/or the Superintendent's designee, to assist the Board in implementing other provisions, sections, terms, and subsections of this Resolution, and to bring forward to the Board for approval any other policies, regulations, or Bylaws applicable to the COC.

*Section 10.* The provisions and terms of this Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the San José Unified School District, San José, California on December 12, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:  
 NAYS:  
 ABSTAIN:  
 ABSENT:

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Nancy Albarrán  
 Superintendent and Secretary  
 Governing Board of Education

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Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo  
 President  
 Governing Board of Education