



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 10.1e

**Meeting Date:** March 19, 2015

**Subject:** Appointment of Bond Oversight Committee Members

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

**Department:** Facilities Support Services

**Recommendation:** Board to approve new Bond Oversight Members

**Background/Rationale:** The Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) oversees the expenditure of money for the construction, repair, and modernization of schools by SCUSD. The BOC communicates its finding to the Board and the public in order to ensure that school bond funds are invested as the voters intended and that projects are completed wisely and efficiently.

To guarantee this, the committee works with an independent auditor and conducts research, surveys and site visits at the district and school site level. The BOC typically meets four times a year in its role as an advisory board to the school district trustees. During the meetings, the committee will listen to reports from staff and consultants, summarize the status of projects in progress. At some point during the year, a financial audit and a performance audit will be presented for the committee's review. Also once a year, the BOC Chair will make a year-end report to the Board of Trustees.

Most recently and as shared in 2 Board Communications dated January 9 and 30, 2015, membership is down three members from the original 11 appointed by the Board for Measures Q and R. It was requested that the Board solicit new committee members due to its declining membership and its difficulty, at times, in acquiring a quorum. Since this time, SCUSD has received three applications. The Committee is currently set to meet on April 15, 2015. The goal is to have the 3 new applicants appointed prior to the

meeting in order to have a full contingent of committee members present to conduct business.

**Financial Considerations:** N/A

**Documents Attached:**

1. Three Bond Oversight Committee Member Applications

**Estimated Time of Presentation:** 10 minute presentation

**Submitted by:** José L. Banda, Superintendent

Cathy Allen, Chief Operating Officer

**Approved by:** José L. Banda



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Membership Application

NAME:

Joseph

R

Cruz

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

(Residence)

(Residence)

(Cell)

-Same-

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

(Mailing)

(Business)

(FAX)

Length of residency in city of Sacramento: 10 years

EMPLOYER: (Name) California State Council of Laborers

1121 L Street, Suite 502

Legislative Advocate

(Address)

(Occupation)

ELIGIBILITY: (Please check the appropriate box that applies to your application)

Representative of the Business Community: LiUNA  
Name of Business Organization

Active Member of Taxpayers' Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Organization

Parent of SCUSD Student: Child enrolled in Genevieve Didion Grade: 7th

Parent of SCUSD Student: Active in School PTA at \_\_\_\_\_

General Member: Active in School Site Council at \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation of Above Eligibility Membership can be verified by contacting:

Norm Policar

Principal

916-443-5039

(Name)

(Position)

(Day Phone)

**FACILITIES, CONSTRUCTION OR FINANCE EXPERIENCES:**

Organization	From (Date)	To (Date)	Positions Held
LiUNA	11/2010	Present	Legislative Advocate
CA Alliance for Jobs	04/1999	11/2010	Director of Government Affairs

**EDUCATION:**

School	Course of Study	Graduation Date/Degree
CSU Sacramento	Government	1995/BA

Additional Pertinent Courses or Training

Other Pertinent Skills Experience or Interests:

PLEASE FURNISH BRIEF, WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

1. Why do you think you should be appointed? What specifically in your background qualifies you as a candidate?

-See Attachment-

Training: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What do you see as the objective and goal of the Bond Oversight Committee?

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3. What contributions would you bring to the Bond Oversight Committee?

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4. Do you have any reservations about the Bond Oversight Committee?

5. Describe in detail your involvement in the organization/s you cite under the eligibility section of this application as qualifying you for committee membership?

6. You may add any additional information.

7. Please provide the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three (3) personal references other than family members, district employees and Board Members).

Name	Address	Telephone
Jose Mejia	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Doyle Radford	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Kevin Ferreira	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

My signature below certifies that I am currently a resident of Sacramento City Unified School District.

(Print Name)

Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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SACRAMENTO, CA 95824*

1. Why do you think you should be appointed? What specifically in your background qualifies you as a candidate?

*As a lifelong Sacramento resident, a product of SCUSD and a parent of a child attending a SCUSD school, I have a vested interest in seeing our schools perform well and be equipped with most modern facilities and technology to help ensure the success of both teachers and students. I have an extensive background working with business, community organizations and citizens in helping craft solutions to complex problems. I am a quick study, who can grasp, articulate and simplify complicated issues in a timely fashion. I also pride myself on being able to work well with others.*

2. What do you see as the objective and goal of the Bond Oversight Committee?

*To work in concert with the School Board and interested parties to identify, prioritize and make funding recommendations aimed at upgrading and renovating local school facilities per each schools needs assessment*

3. What contributions would you bring to the Bond Oversight Committee?

*I bring a wealth of public infrastructure bond knowledge to the BOC, having worked on dozens of local and statewide bond campaigns, I understand the importance of upholding the will of voters and prioritizing projects that provide cost effective benefits for the schools in most need.*

4. Do you have any reservations about the Bond Oversight Committee?

*No reservations at all. I would be honored to serve and look forward to helping improve our schools.*

5. Describe in detail your involvement in the organization/s you cite under the eligibility section of this application as qualifying you for committee membership?

*Through my work with Laborers International of North America and the California Alliance for Jobs, I have had the pleasure of representing working families in efforts aimed at improving our State's school, transportation and water infrastructure. To date, I have took a hands on role in helping secure over \$37B in public financing to construct large scale infrastructure projects i.e. High Speed Rail, BART, Regional Transit Light Rail, Oakland Bay Bridge amongst a host of other projects that have improved the quality of life for all Californians. I understand that in order to pass future bonds you have to deliver what you have promised to voters in previously approved bond measures. I look forward to bringing the experience and expertise I have gained through my work to the BOC.*



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Membership Application

NAME:

Brad

A.

McDowell

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

ADDRESS:

[REDACTED]

(Residence)

TELEPHONE:

[REDACTED]

(Residence)

(916)616-7023

(Cell)

Same

(Mailing)

[REDACTED]

(Business)

(FAX)

Length of residency in city of Sacramento: 34 years

EMPLOYER: (Name) Smith, McDowell & Powell

100 Howe Ave., Ste. 208S, Sacramento, CA 95825

Attorney

(Address)

(Occupation)

ELIGIBILITY: (Please check the appropriate box that applies to your application)

Representative of the Business Community: President of East Sac Chamber of Commerce  
Name of Business Organization

Active Member of Taxpayers' Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Organization

Parent of SCUSD Student: Child enrolled in Caleb Greenwood Elementary Grade: Kinder

Parent of SCUSD Student: Active in School PTA at \_\_\_\_\_

General Member: Active in School Site Council at \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation of Above Eligibility Membership can be verified by contacting:

Bob Paese (Asst. VP at US Bank)

ESCC Board Member

(916)492-7119

(Name)

(Position)

(Day Phone)

**FACILITIES, CONSTRUCTION OR FINANCE EXPERIENCES:**

Organization	From (Date)	To (Date)	Positions Held
Smith, McDowell & Powell	2012	Present	Shareholder
Hackard Land Company	2005	2009	In House Counsel
Historic Folsom Pres. Soc.	2006	2009	Board Member

**EDUCATION:**

School	Course of Study	Graduation Date/Degree
Jesuit High School	General Education	1992 - H.S. Diploma
Loyola Marymount University	Film Production	1996 - B.A. Degree
DePaul College of Law	General Legal Studies	1999 - Juris Doctorate

Additional Pertinent Courses or Training: Procured Real Estate Broker's license in 2006

Other Pertinent Skills Experience or Interests: Active Rotarian for the benefit of children's charities.

PLEASE FURNISH BRIEF, WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

1. Why do you think you should be appointed? What specifically in your background qualifies you as a candidate?

I am fiercely motivated to provide for the most substantive and inspiring educations for my two sons, as well as the children of my community.

Training: I represent dozens of credit unions and financial institutions, RE developers, contractors and construction companies.

Education: Given my legal practice, I have extensive knowledge of construction financing and public works projects.

Special Interests: Active in leadership roles in various charitable organizations (PW Rotary: Co-Chair; Sac Arts & Business Csl.: Board; Kids Sports)

2. What do you see as the objective and goal of the Bond Oversight Committee?

Ensuring and implementing the will and vision of the voters is an important objective of the BOC. In so doing, I would hope the Committee

would warrant the most effective and prudent use of the tax payers money, all in the spirit of ultimate goal of the entire District - providing the

most vibrant, inspiring and effective learning environment for the children of the District.

3. What contributions would you bring to the Bond Oversight Committee?

I will bring a unique combination of business acumen and fatherly ambition. Toil and hard work are easy when you know it enhances your children's

lot in life. I have been in many positions where I have had to make hard decisions, even unpopular decisions, even where I disagreed, but they were the

right decisions. On a daily basis I assist clients in the appropriate expenditure of construction funds; often where the funds are a public source.



4. Do you have any reservations about the Bond Oversight Committee?

No.  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Describe in detail your involvement in the organization/s you cite under the eligibility section of this application as qualifying you for committee membership?

I have been involved with the East Sac Chamber of Commerce since 2010. I first started as a board member, then Vice-President and now President.

I chaired the Taste of East Sac three times and am active with Pops in the Park. I also advocate on behalf of East Sac business when issues

arise such as bicycle right of way on J Street, McKinnley Village, relocation of Sutter Hospital, etc.

6. You may add any additional information.

One profound lesson of having small children is the realization of how big the world is. There will be so many environmental stimuli that shape and

compel their development; I want them to know I care and took an active interest to ensure my children and their peers have every chance to become


who they are meant to be. I believe in civilian oversight, and have forged my reputation in my career as being fair and straightforward.

7. Please provide the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three (3) personal references other than family members, district employees and Board Members).

Name	Address	Telephone
Lisa Schmidt	████████████████████	████████████████
Brian Holloway	████████████████████	████████████████
Paige Schulte	████████████████████	████████████████

My signature below certifies that I am currently a resident of Sacramento City Unified School District.

Brad A. McDowell



(Print Name)

Signature

Date: February 11, 2015

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SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Membership Application

NAME:

Colleen

(First)

(Middle)

Megowan-Romanowicz

(Last)

ADDRESS:

[Redacted]

(Residence)

TELEPHONE:

[Redacted]

(Residence)

[Redacted]

(Cell)

[Redacted]

(Mailing)

[Redacted]

(Business)

NA

(FAX)

Length of residency in city of Sacramento: 16.5 years

EMPLOYER: (Name) American Modeling Teachers Association

5808 13th Ave, Sacramento CA 95820

(Address)

Executive Officer

(Occupation)

ELIGIBILITY: (Please check the appropriate box that applies to your application)

Representative of the Business Community: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Business Organization

Active Member of Taxpayers' Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Organization

Parent of SCUSD Student: Child enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent of SCUSD Student: Active in School PTA at \_\_\_\_\_

Active in School Site Council at \_\_\_\_\_

General Member

Confirmation of Above Eligibility Membership can be verified by contacting:

Jennifer Kozumplik

(Name)

Air Pollution Specialist, Air Resources Board 916-322-6019

(Position)

(Day Phone)

**FACILITIES, CONSTRUCTION OR FINANCE EXPERIENCES:**

Organization	From (Date)	To (Date)	Positions Held
American Modeling Teachers Association	May 2011	present	Executive Officer
Arizona State University	August 2004	August 2014	Project manager, various NSF grants, assist. prof. research scientist
Loretto High School	August 1989	June 2001	Science Department Chair

**EDUCATION:**

School	Course of Study	Graduation Date/Degree
Arizona State University	Physics Education Research	2007/PhD
Arizona State University	Physics Education	2004/MNS
Loyola University	Pre-medicine	1973/BS

Additional Pertinent Courses or Training: Bookkeeping, Tax Preparation, Workers Compensation Permanent Disability Rating, secondary science teacher certification

Other Pertinent Skills Experience or Interests: Small business owner, Workers Comp Claims Rep, HS science teacher, designed HS lab facilities

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1. Why do you think you should be appointed? What specifically in your background qualifies you as a candidate?

I should be appointed because I spent 20+ years using the kinds of school facilities you are planning to refresh and update, because I continue to train and educate teachers who teach in these schools.

Training: See above education and work experience. I've spent 30 years in education. I have an understanding of what it will take for the next generation of teachers to teach effectively.

Education: I am secondary science certified (since 1978) and have advanced degrees in science education. I have spent most of my professional life teaching science to both students and teachers.

Special Interests: I teach teachers, both in-service and pre-service, how to teach science. My research field is the design of effective learning environments.

2. What do you see as the objective and goal of the Bond Oversight Committee?

The goal of the committee is to ensure that it invests the funds allocated by taxpayers in ways that will yield the best teaching and learning environment for all Sacramento City Unified teachers and their students, making sure that funds for the design and execution are budgeted and spent responsibly, and that the designs adopted are flexible and forward-looking so that they will continue to effectively serve future students and teachers as the educational and technological landscape evolves.

3. What contributions would you bring to the Bond Oversight Committee?

I bring multiple perspectives to the committee: that of a classroom teacher, of a science department chair who was responsible for budget, strategic planning and space utilization, of a teacher educator who works with a national community of over 2000 secondary science teachers, of a science ed. researcher who has studied learning environments, of a grant manager and non-profit Executive Officer who has had to make the most of limited funds and of a parent of 4 who wants the best for students. I'm also a pretty good communicator.

4. Do you have any reservations about the Bond Oversight Committee?

No.

5. Describe in detail your involvement in the organization/s you cite under the eligibility section of this application as qualifying you for committee membership?

I don't represent any particular group. I am a long-time educator who is now semi-retired and looking for a good way to give back to the community.

I do have a granddaughter who is a 2nd grader at a SCUSD school.

6. You may add any additional information.

You may have noticed from my work and educational history that although I have lived in The Sacramento area for 16.5 years total, I spent from 2001-2014 in the Phoenix, AZ area. I

moved there to earn my PhD under the guidance of one of the foremost physics education researchers in the country, and when I graduated I accepted a position at ASU. Following

my retirement from ASU in August I returned home to Sacramento. I am ready to contribute my hard-earned knowledge and experience to Sacramento's educational enterprise.

7. Please provide the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three (3) personal references other than family members, district employees and Board Members).

Name	Address	Telephone
Patricia MacEgan	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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Mike Mark	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

My signature below certifies that I am currently a resident of Sacramento City Unified School District.

Colleen Megowan-Romanowicz

(Print Name)

Colleen Megowan-Romanowicz

Signature

Digitally signed by Colleen Megowan-Romanowicz  
DN: cn=Colleen Megowan-Romanowicz, o=American Modeling Teachers  
Association, ou=Executive Office,  
email=amtaexec@modelinginstruction.org, c=US  
Date: 2015.01.31 11:27:38 -0800

Date: 1/31/2015

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