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Magnolia Public Schools

Minutes

Audit/Facilities Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday December 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Location

Home Office: 250 E. 1st Street, Suite 1500, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Audit/Facilities Committee Members:

Mr. Mekan Muhammedov, Chair

Ms. Diane Gonzalez

Dr. Salih Dikbas (alternate)

CEO and Superintendent:

Mr. Alfredo Rubalcava

Committee Members Present

D. Gonzalez, M. Muhammedov

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

J. Lara

I. Opening Items

A.

Call the Meeting to Order

M. Muhammedov called a meeting of the Audit/Facilities Committee of Magnolia Public Schools to order on Thursday Dec 14, 2023 at 6:55 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

Refer to attendance information recorded above.

C. Approval of Agenda

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Gonzalez Aye

M. Muhammedov Aye

D. Public Comments

No public comments were made at this time.

E. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Audit/Facilities Committee Meeting - July 13, 2023

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Audit/Facilities Committee Meeting on 07-13-23.

M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Gonzalez Aye

M. Muhammedov Aye

F. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Audit/Facilities Committee Meeting - October 12, 2023

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Audit/Facilities Committee Meeting on 10-12-23.

M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Muhammedov Aye

D. Gonzalez Aye

II. Recommended Action Items

A.

Approval of New Construction Manager for Magnolia Science Academy-5 Charter School Facility Program Project

P.Ontiveros, General Counsel & Director of Facilities, presented the background so far for the project at 7111 Winnetka Ave, site set for Magnolia Science Academy (MSA)-5. At the time, staff was working with a Construction Manager, formally approved by the Board to work on the DLR design. Staff decided to end the partnership as some challenges were faced with costs going higher than expected and thus reissued an RFP for a selection of a new Construction Manager. Staff members and Board Chair was involved in interviewing process and visiting sites of previous projects Construction Manager firms have worked on. S. Budhraja, Chief Financial Officer, spoke about different options for construction and a breakdown of price and expected date of completion. Representatives of Gateway Science and Engineering Inc. were present to introduce themselves and presented scenarios that they created. They were recommended by staff as the selection of choice. Questions were asked by the Committee Members specifically about a breakdown of costs and expectations on the importance of this project to provide a space for MSA-5 students and staff.

The Committee Chair and leadership determined the importance to continue this conversation and thus it was reported verbally that the Finance Committee Meeting that was scheduled after will be cancelled. The Audit & Facilities Committee would continue this conversation up until the start of the Regular Board Meeting. The Committee will not take a vote for this item for their recommended approval and would continue the conversation with the full Board at the Regular Board Meeting.

D. Gonzalez made a motion to amend the existing motion and instead move the discussion to the Regular Board Meeting.

M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Muhammedov Aye

D. Gonzalez Aye

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Muhammedov