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## **Meeting Minutes Long - Final**

**Thursday, November 19, 2015**

**6:30 PM**

**KDOL TV Studio, B-237, Met West High School Entrance, 314 East 10th Street,  
Oakland, CA 94606-2291**

## **Measure G Parcel Tax Independent Citizens Oversight Committee**

*Atiff Saleem Shakir, Chair*

*Bradley Mart, Vice Chair*

*Sonji Walker, Secretary*

*Members: John Baldo, Daniel Bellino, Sandy Carpenter, (Vacancy)*

## A. Call to Order

*Vice Chair Bradly Mart Called the meeting to order at 6:48 P.M.*

## B. Roll Call

**Present** 4 - Member John Baldo  
Member Daniel Bellino  
Secretary Sonji Walker  
Vice Chairperson Bradley Mart

**Absent** 3 - Member [Vacant]  
Member Sandy Carpenter  
Chairperson Atiff Shakir-Gilmore

## C. Speaker Request Cards/Modification(s) To Agenda

*None*

## D. Adoption of Committee Minutes

### 15-2297 **Minutes - Measure G Parcel Tax Independent Citizens Oversight Committee - October 21, 2015**

Approval by the Measure G Parcel Tax Independent Citizens Oversight Committee of its Regular Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2015.

**Attachments:** 15-2297 Minutes - Measure G Parcel Tax Independent Citizens Oversight Committee - October 21, 2015

**A motion was made by Member Bellino, seconded by Member Baldo, that this Motion be Adopted . The motion carried by the following vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Member John Baldo  
Member Daniel Bellino  
Secretary Sonji Walker  
Vice Chairperson Bradley Mart

**Absent:** 3 - Member [Vacant]  
Member Sandy Carpenter  
Chairperson Atiff Shakir-Gilmore

**Non-voting:** 0

Enactment No: 15-1860

## E. Adoption of the Committee General Consent Report

*None*

## F. Unfinished Business

*None*

## G. New Business



[15-2298](#)

### Measure G Committee - Discussion - Music - Arts - Oratorical - Library programs

Discussion with Measure G Committee regarding Music, Arts, Oratorical and Library Programs.

**Attachments:** [15-2298 Measure G Committee - Discussion - Music - Arts - Oratorical - Library programs](#)

*Dr. Devin Dillon, Chief Academic Officer, made the presentation and spoke about:*

- *The comparison revenues between 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school year pertaining to Art, Music, School Libraries, Oratorical Fest/Performance, and Oakland Fine Arts Summer School*
- *How Measure G money is being spent or funding for Arts, Music, and Library*
- *Recommendations for Arts, Music, and Library*

*After the presentation the Committee and staff discussed about:*

- *Is there a way to code where Measure G funds going to school sites labeled "Central Office?"*
- *Repair and transportation of instruments*
- *Have more clarity on how much is being spent for each program under Arts*
- *How Measure G money is being spent and the process of getting Measure G money*
- *Integrated Learning Initiative and what is the impact*
- *Diablo Valley College Cohort*
- *Plan to have library in all schools?*
- *The amount of money that required for all schools to have library*

*Public Speaker(s):*

*Kari Hatch read a signed letter from Oakland Unified School District Library Staff members stating "We, the undersigned, urge the Measure G Oversight Committee adhere to the language of the ballot measure passed by the voters of Oakland in 2008. The committee should make sure that Measure G funds are spent according to categories specified in the ballot language. These categories include: arts, music, and libraries. Without these funds, library services cannot be provided to the students in the District, and ultimately, the students, teachers, and families lose this valuable resource."*

*Ann Gallagher wrote and read a letter from herself to Measure G Committee:*

*"I have addressed you many times in support of strong school libraries. At this time I would direct my remarks to the need to closely monitor any Measure G funds that they not only (1) go toward the categories specifically called for in the ballot language and (2) within the categories that there is sufficient oversight from the District in the actual purchasing of any goods and services or salaries paid for by the Measure. "*

*"As you know I tracked the spending for Measure G Libraries for 7 years up until two years ago. During this period of tracking time 68% of the designated funds for school libraries were spent in accordance with the ballot language: the funds went to support salaries, books, or supplies for the libraries. At the same time 23% of the designated library funds were NOT spent on the libraries. That is nearly one quarter of all the funds, representing over \$2.5 million dollars for the 7-year period. The remaining 9% of the funds over the 7*

years that we reported were not spent at all and were returned to the District. My point is this: close tracking by people who understand the use of the funds should occur. For most of the 2012-2013 SY I was given 2nd level approval rights to all purchases which cut down considerably on inappropriate use of the funds. I recommend that this practice be instituted for all level managers of programs within the designated Measure G categories. The outside auditing of Measure G should require statements from program managers as to the proper use of the funds.”

Susie Goodin spoke about:

- Wanting Music and Arts in schools
- Continue to think about Literacy Development being job one
- Lack of equity in library
- Find ways to staff the library professionally

Chip Rath spoke about:

- Concern about the lack of competent library and staffing
- inequity in library
- Rehabilitated with volunteers 22 libraries in Oakland
- \$10 million was used for general budget and not for library

Amy Cheney spoke about and read a letter from professional librarian hired by PTA:

- Worked over 25 years in poor communities establishing libraries

“Please bring back Measure G funds to school libraries. Our school library programs suffer greatly without funds to purchase books and technology. In the past Measure G funding allow each student in our school to take home 3 free books per year through Fundamental Program. We could insure that each student has quality reading materials at home. Measure G has allowed our library to stay on top of the curriculum needs of the educators, so that I can help reinforce and build a pond what the students were learning their class room and to provide materials that the students need for research. I was able to provide several laptops for the libraries with Measure G. With the adoption of the Common Core State Standards we think that it’s even more vital that school libraries stay strong and provide a core collection focusing on the best information and materials available to support their learning. Classroom libraries cannot provide all of that, but school libraries can. Measure G funding will ensure that CCSF are supported now and into the future. Without Measure G funding our students really suffer. No longer provided up to information, shabby worn books cannot be replaced on a small budget provided by PTA funded school. Rather than focusing on the students and their learning, more time is spent taping worn books so that they continue to circulate. Student had to use outdated information rather than the most recent concise and help impacts their needs. Maintenance have been collecting and fixing broken things rather than providing the basic necessity of students, OUSD students deserve better. Measure G funding ensure that school libraries provide OUSD students with texts and technology where is like the 21 Century learner.”

Amy Cheney stated, “All across the district where there’s libraries with not enough chairs or table.”

**Discussed**



15-2299

**Measure G Committee - Proposed - Meeting Dates and Time**

Discussion and possible adoption by Measure G Committee the proposed future meeting

dates and time.

**Attachments:** 15-2299 Measure G Committee - Proposed - Meeting Dates and Time

*The Measure G Committee decided to next meet on December 17th at 6:30. After that it will go back to 3rd Wednesday of every month, assuming the Board meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The Board will make that determination on its Annual Organizational meeting on the 1st Monday in January.*

*There were no Public Speaker(s).*

**Discussed**

**H. Public Comments on All Non-Agenda Items Within the Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the Committee**

*None*

**I. Introduction of New Legislative Matter**

*None*

**J. Adjournment**

*Vice Chair Mart adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.*

Prepared By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_