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**To** Board of Education**From** Jennifer Brouhard**Meeting Date** November 12, 2025**Subject** Appointment – Andrew Nelsen – Measures B, J, Y Independent Citizens School  
Facilities Bond Oversight Committee (Measure BJY Committee)

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**ASK OF THE BOARD**

Ratification by the Board of Education of the President of the Board's appointment of Andrew Nelsen, as a Community Member at Large, to the Measures B, J, and Y Independent Citizens School Facilities Bond Oversight Committee, effective November 13, 2025, for the unexpired term ending June 30, 2027.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The duties of the Measures B.J.Y Committee, as defined by Board Bylaw 9131, among other duties, is to provide advice and recommendation to the District regarding the expenditure of funds for bond related projects, to actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction and to take any necessary action in furtherance of its purpose including, but not limited to, receiving and reviewing copies of annual independent financial audits and deferred maintenance proposals, inspecting school facilities and grounds, receiving and reviewing cost-saving measures designed to reduce the costs of professional fees and site preparation. The Committee also shall have the option to tour sites where Bond funds are being expended, with support from the Superintendent.

**RECOMMENDATION**

I am recommending that the Board confirm my appointment of Andrew Nelsen, as a Community Member at Large, to the Measures B, J, and Y Independent Citizens School Facilities Bond Oversight Committee, effective November 13, 2025, for the unexpired term ending June 30, 2027.

JB:ER:lf

Attachment: Application of Andrew Nelsen (Redacted In Part)

Profile

Andrew

First Name

Nelsen

Last Name

andrewnelsen028@gmail.com

Email Address

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Measures B, J and Y Independent Citizens' School Facilities Bond Oversight Committee:  
Submitted

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Oakland

City

CA

State

Postal Code

Which Board of Education election district (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7) do you live in? \*

☒ District 5

Home:

Alternate Phone

Employer

Job Title

Occupation

Employer's Street Address

Employer's City

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Employer's State

Employer's Zip

Work Phone

Work Email

Interests & Experiences

**Please explain briefly your interest in serving on this Committee, Commission or Board:**

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I believe that the School District is the single most important public agency in Oakland. Its success in educating and mentoring all of Oakland;s youth determines so much of what happens in the lives of families and in the life of the community. The physical plant and built resources of the District are one of the most critical pieces of achieving success, and are some of the most important public resources in Oakland. I hope to help make sure that every child in Oakland goes to school in a decent, safe and comfortable facility, that every neighborhood school is on par with every other school, no matter what neighborhood and that we are keeping our promises to the voters and tax payers.

**Please indicate your other community involvement (work with public agencies, volunteering, other Committees, Commissions, Boards, groups, etc.):**

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I have worked very closely with Board members, District staff, parents and voters to help formulate and pass Measure N and Measure J. My professional experience has included successful negotiations with public agencies and large private developers on behalf of and in partnership with Oakland residents to create more inclusive real estate development projects in Oakland.I

  
Upload a Resume

Question applies to multiple boards

**Educational Background - e.g. college and/or university, degree/major, vocational and/or training, certificates, technical training, etc.**

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BA Political Science San Francisco State University MA Social Welfare Policy, Heller School, Brandeis University

Question applies to Measures B, J and Y Independent Citizens' School Facilities Bond Oversight Committee

**Please select each category that describes your community involvement**

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☒ I am not in any category listed above and I wish to be on the Committee.

Question applies to Measures B, J and Y Independent Citizens' School Facilities Bond Oversight Committee

**Please list below the contact information, including the name, address, telephone number and a primary contact for the organization(s) that you are affiliated with, which are within the above stated categories.**

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None

Question applies to Measures B, J and Y Independent Citizens' School Facilities Bond Oversight Committee

**No employee or official of the District shall be appointed to the Commission or Committee. No person who is a, or employed by a, vendor, contractor or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the Commission or Committee. Any such affiliation shall disqualify an individual from Commission or Committee membership. Such affiliations must be disclosed below.**

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None

Question applies to Measures B, J and Y Independent Citizens' School Facilities Bond Oversight Committee

**Are you affiliated with a vendor, contractor or consultant to the District?**

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Measures B, J and Y Independent Citizens' School Facilities Bond Oversight Committee

If Yes, please explain.

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## Demographics

Choosing not to answer any of the questions in this section will not disqualify you from consideration or serving.

### Ethnicity

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☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

### Gender

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☒ Male

### Socio-Economic Group

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None Selected

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## Verification

**Please indicate your agreement with the following statement**

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**I have reviewed and understand the duties of the Commission or Committee for which I am submitting this application. I agree to perform said duties. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.**

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☒ I Agree

Your application must be **completed and submitted on-line via this web form**. For assistance, if needed, or response to questions, please contact Edgar Rakestraw, Jr., Executive Assistant, Board of Education, Oakland Unified School District, 1000 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94607-4033 or 510/879-8658 or via email at Edgar.Rakestraw@ousd.org. Your application must be **submitted** by the applicable deadline, if any.

**Note: This application and your responses are a Public record and subject to disclosure.**

**Andrew R. Nelsen**

E-mail: Andrewnelsen028@gmail.com Telephone: [REDACTED]

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**SEASONED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONER**, with deep knowledge of and relationships with East Bay organizations and communities. Respected leader in the development and implementation of strategies to advance racial and economic equity.

**Areas of Expertise**

- Equitable Economic Development
- Affordable Housing
- Community Safety and Stabilization
- K-14 Education and Youth Development
- Workforce Development

**Core competencies:** Policy analysis and advocacy. Political strategy in the service of community-led campaigns. Community organizing, grassroots leadership development and coalition building. Management and facilitation of collective processes. Working at the intersection of policy and organizing.

**Core Professional Practices:** Results-oriented management style. Active listening and leadership by example. Cultural humility. Data-informed decision making.

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**Recent Leadership Accomplishments**

Measures N and JJ Ballot Measure Campaigns: Key leader of two successful ballot measures, overseeing conception, ballot placement and successful election campaigns. Measure N, a parcel tax measure, secured approximately \$130 million over 10 years to improve high school achievement outcomes in Oakland Unified School District. Measure JJ significantly improved tenant protections for Oakland renters.

BRT Business Assistance Fund: Led the organizing of 50 small businesses on International Blvd in the Eastlake, San Antonio and Fruitvale neighborhoods of East Oakland to identify impacts of the new Bus Rapid Transit System and solutions to those impacts. We advocated for and won a Business Assistance Fund and a Technical Assistance program to help impacted businesses continue to grow and prosper in the new physical environment created by the BRT.

Brooklyn Basin Community Benefits Coalition: Led a coalition of resident-based organizations in a successful campaign to win 465 units of affordable housing and 300 construction career-path job placements in one of Oakland's largest-ever private development projects.

Campaign to Stop the Sex Trade: Created a resident-based Organizing Committee of 100 multi-racial, multi-lingual neighborhood leaders who were concerned about street-level sex trafficking in the San Antonio neighborhood. Their advocacy led to the development of an OUSD program to address the issue in schools, the creation of Oakland's Dear John demand-reduction campaign, and the successful closure of a problem motel.

East 14th Street Congress of Neighborhoods: Founded a collaborative of community organizing groups in East Oakland. The Congress is building a lasting network of active, informed residents, organized across race, language and neighborhoods, to identify and advocate for their own collective interests, in the context of rapid gentrification and displacement. Secured early funding for the collaborative.

## **Recent Employment History**

### **2010-present--East Bay Asian Youth Center, Oakland**

Director of Strategic Development, 2010-2012

Deputy Director for Public Policy Initiatives, 2012 to present

EBAYC serves 1500 youth and their families daily in East Oakland, providing violence prevention and academic support services to youth, while engaging youth and adults in civic leadership opportunities. EBAYC is known for its stellar youth programming and its effective, results-based, organizing and policy work.

While at EBAYC, I developed and led a multi-lingual, multi-ethnic three-person neighborhood and school-based organizing team. The team built a base of several hundred residents and small business people, won numerous resident-directed campaigns, and raised EBAYC's profile as a significant and productive force in community development issues affecting Council District 2 in Oakland.

### **2001-2010--Urban Strategies Council, Oakland**

Program Associate 2001-2004

Director for Economic Opportunity, 2004- 2010

Urban Strategies Council is a leading intermediary dedicated to eliminating urban poverty. The Council provides strategic support and data-informed policy analysis for communities, public agencies and collaborations.

While at the Council, I developed and led the Economic Opportunity Program Area, co-created the Oakland Community Land Trust and oversaw the founding of the Alameda County Community Assets Network

## **Education**

MA Social Welfare Policy, Heller School, Brandeis University, 2001. Culminating project analyzed process and outcomes of Clinton-era Enterprise Zones.

BA Political Science, San Francisco State University, 1991. Concentration in research methods and data analysis.

## **Awards and Recognition**

Alameda County Human Relations Committee Excellence in Human Relations Award, 2011

Alameda Labor Council Community Leader Award, 2007

Community Reinvestment Coalition "Community Tiger" Advocacy Award, 2004