



HARTNELL COLLEGE

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for Measure T Minutes

DATE: January 14, 2026 3:00 p.m. Approved

Location: 411 Central Avenue, Building O, Room O-137, Salinas, CA 93901

MEMBERS

Name	Member Category	Present	Absent
1. Willard Lewallen	College Support Organization		X
2. Lupe Kinnear	Senior Citizens' Organization	X	
3. Colleen Stanley	At-Large		X
4. Norma Aguilar	At-Large	X	
5. Paul Farmer – Co Chair	Business Organization	X	
6. Sonia Jaramillo, Chair	Business Organization		X
7. Brian Resendiz	Student Representative		X
8. Vacant	Taxpayer Organization		

Others

Name	Title or Representing	Present	Absent
Michael Guitierezz	Superintendent/President, Hartnell College	X	
Graciano Mendoza	VP, Administrative Services, Hartnell College	X	
Joseph Reyes	Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Construction Management, Hartnell College	X	
David Techaira	Controller - HCCD	X	

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting called to order at 3:02 P.M.

Paul Farmer

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Paul Farmer

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider: Adoption of previous meeting(s) minutes of July 16, 2025 & October 15, 2025

Paul Farmer

Motion:

2nd:

TABLED

CARING CAMPUS COMMITMENTS Ten-Foot Rule, Nametags, Cross-Department Awareness, Warm Referrals, Welcoming Students

VISION STATEMENT: A place where dreams become possibilities.

MISSION STATEMENT: We advance social and economic justice through the transformation of education.

VALUES STATEMENT: Our core values reflect our deeply ingrained beliefs that guide everything that we do. When we practice these values, we put students first. Education, Connection, ¡Si se Puede! Cultural Wealth, Impact.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/PRESENTATIONS

1. **Presentation of the 2024-25 Financial and Performance Audit** **CWDL via ZOOM**

Two audits are conducted. First is the Financial Audit; second is the Performance audit. Financial audit was reviewed first, then Performance.

It was the opinion of the auditors that the audit was that financials were accurate and complete and that there was no co-mingling of items. The audit concluded that there were no findings for 2024-25 and it was a clean audit.

The Performance took a sample of 76% of bond documents, which is a high percentage. Findings were very positive for the completeness, and that the district expended funds only for the specific bond projects. It too was a clean audit with no findings.

2. **President's Report** **Michael Gutierrez**

December saw the Board of Trustees' hold their internal elections.

The board is:

Area 1 – Trustee Alejandra Gonzalez – Board President

Area 2 – Angela Der Ramos

Area 3 – Kari Valdes – Board Vice President

Area 4 – Irma Lopez

Area 5- Ray Montemayor

Area 6 – Cesar Iracheta

Area 7 – Candi DePauw

Gladys Cabrera Luis – Student Member

The Spring Semester will start on January 26. Enrollment is showing strong.

How has the actions of the federal government affected the district?

Two large impacts:

1. TRIO program is not going away. It is funded and has five or six total grants that will continue.

2. Title V grants; there are two. One was in its final year and ending so no impact will happen.

A second will close out this year. The impact will be to personnel. The district has been working to find new placement for all in the programs affected by the federal government's actions.

3. **Measure T Projects' status** **Joseph Reyes**

Current projects are Soledad CTE Building – a new building on the Soledad center site, and Buildings F, G, and H – the physical education buildings. Soledad CTE is still in DSA being reviewed which it has been there just one week short of a year. It is hoped that the plans will be approved in time to go to bid in February.

The P.E. buildings are in design stage. The staff, faculty and coaches have been meeting with the architects to establish the needs of these buildings. Due to the age of the building, work will be limited to the interior of the building (other than exterior painting and some landscape work) so as not to trigger structural requirements which would put the cost of work outside of the bonds budget, even with the matching funds that the district is receiving for this project. Preliminary costs have come in at \$18.4 million. As this has matching funds at project milestones the district is required to provide for review and approval to the Chancellor's office the design and plans for the project. The first submission will be made in February. It is hoped that the project will go out to bid in September.

The final project, Building N (Merrill Hall) has had a final project proposal (FPP) submitted and is waiting for review and approval. These projects would take the remainder of 5 years for the completion of the bond funds.

4. Financials

David Techaira

Expenditures for this period since the last meeting has been mostly for architectural work, F, G and H and the Soledad CTE building. The other larger payment was for an arbitrage payment where repayment of taxes was done as spend down has been delayed due to DSA reviewing plans for Soledad at almost one year.

OTHER ITEMS/BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Various

1. Paul Farmer has left Monterey Bay Business Council to strike out on his own. He now **Paul Farmer** has a consulting business and a travel business. As such he will remain as a business representative on the committee. He was also named to the CSUMB board.
2. Dawn Henry reported that Sonia Jaramillo has resigned in an email **Dawn Henry** to me. She stated that she has been hired on a consulting board and will be traveling both internationally as well as nationally. She asked if she should also contact President Gutierrez, to which she was asked to do so. Paul Farmer as co-chair will be taking over duties as committee Chair.

It was also identified, that the student representative, having not been to a meeting will not longer be seated. A request is being made to the ASHC for another student who would be interested in serving on the committee.

3. As a quorum was not reached today, the approval of the report still needs to be completed. Will schedule a special ZOOM meeting so a vote can be taken and get it to the board in March.
4. Lastly, there was a question of the meeting day and times as there have been some conflicts with schedules and been hard to get a quorum. It was discussed as a possibility to put on the special meeting agenda, or if not able to have all attend then to put it on the April agenda. Meetings (4 per fiscal year) was established by the first members of the committee. The by-laws dictate that the committee must meet at least once per fiscal year and not more than 4. The current status of each members terms will also be sent to them via email.

NEXT MEETING(S)

Special meeting via ZOOM TBD
April 15, 2026 3:00 pm
July 15, 2026 3:00 pm
October 21, 2026 3:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Paul Farmer

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm