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APPEARANCES:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

GAYLE MILLER, Chief Deputy Director, Policy, Department of Finance

DANIEL KIM, Director, Department of General Services

JUAN MIRELES, Director, School Facilities and Transportation Services Division, California Department of Education, designated representative for Tom Torlakson, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SENATOR CONNIE LEYVA

ASSEMBLYMEMBER PATRICK O'DONNELL

ASSEMBLYMEMBER AUTUMN BURKE

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE ALLOCATION BOARD PRESENT:

LISA SILVERMAN, Executive Officer

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, OFFICE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION (OPSC) PRESENT:

LISA SILVERMAN, Executive Officer

BARBARA KAMPMEINERT, Deputy Executive Officer

LISA JONES, Secretary

MICHAEL WATANABE



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MS. MILLER: So let's go ahead and call the meeting to order. Okay. And I'll go ahead and just read our prompt as to why we can meet -- why we're meeting virtually. Hopefully, this will not become so well-known that I don't have to read it. But pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25 -- Oh, sorry, Lisa. Ms. Jones, do you want to call the roll first?

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MS. JONES: Sure will.

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Senator Wilk

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Senator Leyva

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SENATOR LEYVA: Here.

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MS. JONES: Senator Roth

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Assemblymember O'Donnell

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Assemblymember Cunningham

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Assemblymember Burke

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ASSEMBLYMEMBER BURKE: Here.

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MS. JONES: Thank you.

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Juan Mireles.

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MR. MIRELES: Here.

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MS. JONES: Thank you.

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Daniel Kim.

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MR. KIM: Here.

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MS. JONES: Thank you.

1           Gayle Miller.

2           MS. MILLER: Here. Thank you, Ms. Jones.

3           We have a quorum?

4           MS. JONES: We have five members. I did not hear  
5 either Assemblymember O'Donnell or Cunningham say aye.

6 We've only got five members.

7           MS. MILLER: I thought I saw Mr. O'Donnell. He's  
8 calling in. Sofia just texted us.

9           MR. MIRELES: Is it the 118 number?

10          MS. MILLER: It probably is a 562 number.

11          Well, why don't we go ahead and get started as  
12 a --

13          MS. JONES: Subcommittee?

14          MS. MILLER: -- subcommittee, yeah, I think.

15          MS. JONES: Okay.

16          MS. MILLER: And Sofia will let us know when  
17 Mr. O'Donnell is able to call in.

18          MS. JONES: Or Mr. Cunningham shows up. That's  
19 fine. Great.

20          MS. MILLER: Okay. Yeah, we only have one phone  
21 number so far, Sofia, it's a 916 number. So we will hope  
22 to hear from Mr. O'Donnell shortly.

23                 So again, we will begin as a subcommittee and  
24 establish a quorum as soon as one can be established.

25                 Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order

1 N-25-20 issued on March 12th, 2020, this meeting is being  
2 conducted by way of Zoom. The meeting is physically being  
3 webcast from the Ziggurat Building in West Sac. for anyone  
4 who would like to provide public comment in person.

5 In order for this meeting to run efficiently,  
6 please note the following guidelines. All participants  
7 will be muted during the meeting. If any Board member or  
8 the public would like to make a comment, please use the  
9 raise-hand feature in the Zoom interface, which can be  
10 found if you push on participants, and I will call on your  
11 name at the appropriate time.

12 If you're calling into the meeting not using a  
13 computer or the Zoom app on a mobile device, you won't be  
14 able to provide public comment. I apologize for that. So  
15 as soon as we're able, again, we'll establish a quorum. I  
16 just want to make sure that Mr. O'Donnell has not yet  
17 joined us.

18 Mr. O'Donnell, are you here now?

19 ASSEMBLYMEMBER O'DONNELL: I am here.

20 MS. MILLER: Great.

21 ASSEMBLYMEMBER O'DONNELL: Present.

22 MS. MILLER: Great.

23 MS. JONES: Thank you.

24 MS. MILLER: So we do have a quorum.

25 Before we start our agenda items, I would like to

1 note that action items related to the use of surplus school  
2 property proceeds have been withdrawn from this agenda and  
3 we will take them up at a future meeting. And first we  
4 will go to the minutes. May we -- the minutes for the  
5 June 24th, 2020 meeting. Are there any public comments on  
6 the minutes?

7           Seeing none, may we have a motion and a second,  
8 please.

9           ASSEMBLYMEMBER O'DONNELL: O'Donnell moves.

10          SENATOR LEYVA: Second by Leyva.

11          MS. MILLER: Moved by Mr. O'Donnell, seconded by  
12 Senator Leyva. Confirming that there were no public  
13 comments, right, Mr. Watanabe?

14          MR. WATANABE: Correct.

15          MS. MILLER: Great. Ms. Jones, will you call the  
16 roll, please.

17          MS. JONES: I certainly will.

18          Senator Leyva.

19          SENATOR LEYVA: Aye.

20          MS. JONES: Assemblymember O'Donnell.

21          ASSEMBLYMEMBER O'DONNELL: Aye.

22          MS. JONES: Assemblymember Burke.

23          ASSEMBLYMEMBER BURKE: Aye.

24          MS. JONES: Juan Mireles.

25          MR. MIRELES: Aye.

1 MS. JONES: Daniel Kim.

2 MR. KIM: Aye.

3 MS. JONES: Gayle Miller.

4 MS. MILLER: Aye.

5 MS. JONES: And that motion carries. Chair,  
6 would you like me to leave the roll open?

7 MS. MILLER: Yes, please.

8 MS. JONES: Okay. Thank you.

9 MS. MILLER: Next we will move on to the  
10 Executive Officer's statement, please. Ms. Silverman.

11 MS. SILVERMAN: Yes. We have a few things to  
12 announce tonight and we're excited about our new OPSC  
13 online application system. And that announcement actually  
14 went out in July.

15 So we did notify all school districts that we  
16 have a new online portal that expanded way beyond the  
17 Career Check education program. So it does encompass a new  
18 paperless process for all our programs. So this is not  
19 only green, but also an efficient process. Districts have  
20 the ability to save themselves time and effort, avoid snail  
21 mail, avoid dropping paper. Again, expands new  
22 construction, modernization, facility hardship, charter,  
23 you name it.

24 So we're excited about this new opportunity.  
25 And again, it has a lot of neat wizard features. You

1 could actually track it -- your project online, seamless,  
2 and you can actually navigate through the process. You can  
3 put your applications side by side, look at your versions  
4 and prior versions, do a grant calculator. It's a really  
5 neat feature and, again, we're super excited and what a  
6 great opportunity to feature that for our stakeholders and  
7 school districts, especially during this time of COVID.  
8 Again, this has been a few years in the making and we're  
9 super excited about featuring this online portal and online  
10 product.

11           So again, we encourage all districts to use it.  
12 So we're looking forward to providing more education and  
13 outreach about our product and, again, we want to encourage  
14 all districts to use it. So we're super excited about this  
15 endeavor.

16           MS. MILLER: Great. Congratulations.

17           MS. SILVERMAN: And also -

18           MS. MILLER: Not a moment too soon.

19           MS. SILVERMAN: Yeah. No. Exactly, exactly.

20           And we also want to highlight too, we took the  
21 opportunity to bring some spring apportionment. So it's -  
22 it was a large spring bond sale, nearly \$812 million and we  
23 wanted to provide the Board an update, because the timeline  
24 to submit your fund releases was actually yesterday.

25           So as of August 7th, we had nearly \$700 million

1 of projects that came in for the fund releases. It's  
2 great, but we know that we always have a flood of fund  
3 releases that do come in through the doors, so again, we  
4 expect the flood of fund releases to come in. So we'll  
5 provide more updates in the next few weeks. So our next,  
6 September, meeting we'll provide more updates. Again,  
7 we've been notifying districts of their cash, so we don't  
8 expect no one to miss that opportunity.

9           And we also want to highlight, districts have  
10 been using this opportunity to access our program for those  
11 emergency extensions due to this COVID unique circumstances  
12 we are in. So we have this online extension request  
13 feature, and districts have been taking that opportunity.  
14 Although, in our report we highlight there's 258 requests  
15 that have come in to our office and, again, folks have  
16 submitted that request online, we wanted to highlight that  
17 we actually have over 285 requests for various extensions  
18 for our program. And, again, we want to work with  
19 districts and we understand the unique circumstances as  
20 they move around in this unique environment we're in and,  
21 again, we want to continue to work with districts. So  
22 please use -- use this if you need this extension request,  
23 which it may impact your - not only your fund release  
24 request. It may actually impact your processing for grants  
25 and the various extensions that we have with our program.

1 So again, we want to encourage districts to use this  
2 opportunity.

3 We also want to highlight that we currently have  
4 a priority funding filing round that closes on Friday. So  
5 we have an unfunded approval and you submit a certification  
6 for the fall bond sale. This certification is valid from  
7 July 1st all the way to December 31st. So this is real  
8 important that folks submit a certification right now.

9 So we actually had every project that had an  
10 unfunded approval submit a certification so far, but if you  
11 have an unfunded approval that's approved tonight in the  
12 consent agenda, please submit your certification, because  
13 these projects are eligible for the fall bond sale. And  
14 yes, we do know there is - the treasurer has already  
15 committed for a fall bond sale, so please, submit your  
16 certification for these unfunded approvals tonight.

17 And the last thing we want to share with  
18 districts is the sixth filing round for Career Check. That  
19 wrapped up the end of June and we had over \$427 million in  
20 requests for Career Check funding applications. So we have  
21 a - quite the load of projects that came in. That's 249  
22 requests for funding and we have over \$286 million  
23 available. So again, it's going to be very competitive for  
24 those last dollars. So again, we'll be looking forward to  
25 a future Board meeting to present to the Board those Career

1 Check applications.

2           And then our next meeting is scheduled for  
3 September 23rd, but we're looking at this point in time to  
4 move that date. Likely, September 30th and we're -- again,  
5 we'll be making some announcements in the future about the  
6 time. And that's it.

7           MS. MILLER: Thank you so much, Ms. Silverman.

8           Mr. Kim, did you want to say - do you want to  
9 acknowledge anything about the OPSC online system?

10          MR. KIM: Yes, Madam Chair, thank you.

11          I want to congratulate OPSC for developing the  
12 online application system. This is a big deal. It took a  
13 lot of effort and time and collaboration with a lot of  
14 different people. So this was already mentioned, the fact  
15 that we have the system in place now. And I think one of  
16 the huge benefits is that the school districts can actually  
17 track the status of the project. That's really, really  
18 important.

19          So I want to commend Lisa and Barbara and Michael  
20 Watanabe for pulling this together, some of the project  
21 sponsors. And also for all of the OPSC key subject matter  
22 experts, Brian LaPask, Tracy Sharp, Jennifer Maestretti,  
23 Joshua Potter, Hung Bang, Janet Mizushima, Adrian Felseghi,  
24 Sylvanna Krawczyk, and Eric Nee (phonetic), and all the  
25 other OPSC staff who have been working endlessly on this,

1 testing this, making sure that it works really well. It's  
2 been a tremendous effort.

3           And to be a bit self-congratulatory, I want to  
4 thank the DGS, the ETS, the IT team for helping to put this  
5 together. And we're all looking forward to developing some  
6 enhancements in the system so that we can integrate the  
7 division state architect, so that we can have more of a  
8 one-stop shop for school districts to enter information  
9 just in one place and eventually working with the  
10 Department of Education on this as well.

11           So thank you Lisa and team for pulling this  
12 together.

13           MS. MILLER: Great. Thank you, Mr. Kim. And  
14 again, Lisa, congratulations to your whole team.

15           MS. SILVERMAN: They are excited.

16           MS. MILLER: And hopefully, all those districts  
17 will also have computers for their students to get on as  
18 well. We're hoping that that works.

19           So we now are going to move to the consent  
20 agenda. Before we start that item, the vice chair and I  
21 would like to suggest that we include the Los Molinos  
22 Unified appeal request as part of the consent agenda as  
23 well. Using the other evidence provision of the financial  
24 hardship program, staff also recommends approval of the  
25 district's appeal to pay back project savings and retain

1 the balance of financial hardship funds for the four  
2 completed projects outlined in the staff report. If there  
3 are no objections or concerns, the board option on page 223  
4 of the agenda, which would grant the district's appeal  
5 request, would become part of the vote on the consent  
6 agenda.

7 Is there any objection to moving this to the  
8 consent agenda from the board?

9 Seeing none. Are there any public comments on  
10 the consent agenda? And just for Los Molinos Unified, if  
11 you wanted to make a comment, now would be an appropriate  
12 time. And I don't see any hands raised on Zoom.

13 Mr. Watanabe, confirming with you.

14 MR. WATANABE: Looks good.

15 MS. MILLER: Great. Okay. In that case, may we  
16 have a motion and a second for the consent agenda, please.

17 SENATOR LEYVA: So moved.

18 ASSEMBLYMEMBER O'DONNELL: O'Donnell moves.

19 MS. MILLER: Moved by Senator Leyva, seconded by  
20 Mr. O'Donnell. Will you please take the roll, Ms. Jones.

21 MS. JONES: I certainly will.

22 Senator Leyva.

23 SENATOR LEYVA: Aye.

24 MS. JONES: Assemblymember O'Donnell.

25 ASSEMBLYMEMBER O'DONNELL: Aye.

1 MS. JONES: Assemblymember Burke.

2 ASSEMBLYMEMBER BURKE: Aye.

3 MS. JONES: Juan Mireles.

4 MR. MIRELES: Aye.

5 MS. JONES: Daniel Kim.

6 MR. KIM: Aye.

7 MS. JONES: Gayle Miller.

8 MS. MILLER: Aye.

9 And, Ms. Jones, Mr. Cunningham will not be able  
10 to make it, so I'm going to go ahead and say that the  
11 consent agenda passes, please.

12 MS. JONES: And the minutes?

13 MS. MILLER: Yes.

14 MS. JONES: Very good. Thank you.

15 MS. MILLER: Thank you very much. And thank you  
16 to Los Molinos Unified as well for all of their work with  
17 staff and especially to staff that are working on it.

18 May we now hear the financial reports, please,  
19 Ms. Silverman.

20 MS. SILVERMAN: Yes. On page 194, just to report  
21 back as far as the fund release request, which did cover  
22 that as part of the Executive Officer's statement. On page  
23 194, just to highlight, in July we did process and release  
24 \$228 million to the districts as far as providing them  
25 cash. So that's great news and we'll be showing those

1 trend lines as we move forward in September and October.  
2 So again, this is great news that we're providing cash to  
3 districts.

4           And then on page 196 and 197, as part of the  
5 consent agenda, I just wanted to highlight to the Board as  
6 part of consent, the \$141 million and 64 project approvals  
7 that was part of the consent agenda tonight, so that's  
8 great news.

9           As far as the extensions were concerned, we  
10 actually had the ability to catch up with some projects  
11 that needed that extra time. So again, that was a great  
12 opportunity for us to do that during July as well.

13           And there was about \$13.8 million in spend  
14 recoveries. So that represents 19 projects. And we had  
15 some activities and actually even a full-day kinder and  
16 that represents 16 projects. So again, that's what we have  
17 tonight in status of funds.

18           MS. MILLER: Great. Thank you very much.

19           Any questions or public comment on that? No.

20           Obviously, we've moved on from the appeal, it's  
21 been approved. We'll go now - and the use of surplus  
22 schools property proceeds were withdrawn.

23           Any reports, discussion, or information items you  
24 want to bring to the Board, Ms. Silverman?

25           MS. SILVERMAN: Just the 90-day workload.

1 MS. MILLER: Great. Thank you very much.

2 Any final public comments or questions about the  
3 agenda, the Board meeting, the schedule, the funds, the  
4 online system?

5 Mr. Watanabe, just confirming that you don't see  
6 anyone that wants to comment.

7 MR. WATANABE: No comments.

8 MS. MILLER: Great. Thank you very much.

9 In that case, the meeting is adjourned.

10 (Whereupon, at 4:18 p.m., the proceedings were  
11 adjourned.)

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