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APPEARANCES:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

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

JENNIFER OSBORN, Director, Department of General Services

JEREMY SMITH, Appointee of Gavin Newsome, Governor of the State of California

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

ASSEMBLYMEMBER PATRICK O'DONNELL

ASSEMBLYMEMBER AUTUMN BURKE

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JORDAN CUNNINGHAM

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

OFFICE OF LEGAL SERVICES:

MR. TOM PATTON, ASSISTANT CHIEF COUNSEL

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MS. MILLER: Ms. Jones, will you call the roll,  
3 please.  
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5 MS. JONES: Certainly.

6 Senator Leyva.

7 Senator Roth.

8 Assemblymember O'Donnell.

9 ASSEMBLYMEMBER O'DONNELL: Here.

10 MS. JONES: Assemblymember Cunningham.

11 Assemblymember Burke. I know she's here.

12 Juan Mireles.

13 MR. MIRELES: Here.

14 MS. JONES: Jeremy Smith.

15 MR. SMITH: Here.

16 MS. JONES: Jennifer Osborn.

17 MS. OSBORN: Here.

18 MS. JONES: Gayle Miller.

19 MS. MILLER: Here.

20 Let's just call Ms. Burke one more time.

21 MS. JONES: Assemblymember Burke.

22 MS. MILLER: You know, I'm going to go ahead and  
23 get started. I'm going to establish a quorum once we have  
24 Ms. Burke's affirmative presence.

25 MS. JONES: Very good.

1 MS. MILLER: Thanks. So we'll just start as a  
2 subcommittee while I read the rules and Ms. Burke, when  
3 you're here, just let us know, so we can establish the  
4 quorum.

5 Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-  
6 25 -- oh, Ms. Burke, will you just let us -- say "here."  
7 Will you unmute yourself, please?

8 ASSEMBLYMEMBER BURKE: Here.

9 MS. MILLER: Perfect. Yay. We have a quorum.  
10 Thank you.

11 MS. JONES: We have a quorum.

12 MS. MILLER: Pursuant to Governor Newsom's  
13 Executive Order N-25-20, issued on March 12th, 2020 -- it's  
14 almost one year -- this meeting is being conducted by way  
15 of teleconference and also physically webcast from Room  
16 6300 in the Ziggurat Building in West Sac, for anyone that  
17 would like to provide public comment in person.

18 In order for this meeting to run efficiently,  
19 please mute yourselves during the meeting. If any Board  
20 member or the public would like to make a comment, please  
21 use the raise hand feature in ZOOM -- and it is in the  
22 reactions interface -- and we'll call on you at the  
23 appropriate time. If you're calling into the meeting and  
24 not using a computer or calling into the ZOOM app, you will  
25 not be able to provide public comment, unfortunately.

1           And before we start, I just want to mention that  
2 at last month's meeting Senator Wilk let us know that he  
3 may not maintain his seat on the SAB and we have  
4 confirmation that he is no longer a member of the SAB. And  
5 we will certainly present him with a resolution in the near  
6 future and sincerely thank him for his service. And as we  
7 mentioned last time, we'll really miss his presence on the  
8 Board.

9           So with that, if we could have a motion and a  
10 second for the approval of the minutes from January 27th.

11           Mr. Smith, do you want to move, and Ms. Osborn,  
12 will you second?

13           MR. SMITH: So moved.

14           MS. MILLER: Thanks. Ms. Osborn, you second?

15           MS. OSBORN: Second, yes.

16           MS. MILLER: Great. Any questions or public  
17 comment on the minutes? Seeing none, Ms. Jones, will you  
18 call the roll, please, on the minutes.

19           MS. JONES: Yes.

20           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: Jeremy Smith.

2 MR. SMITH: Aye.

3 MS. JONES: Thank you.

4 Jennifer Osborn.

5 MS. OSBORN: Aye.

6 MS. JONES: Gayle Miller.

7 MS. MILLER: Aye.

8 Great. The minutes are approved.

9 Next, Ms. Silverman, may we have your Executive  
10 Officer's statement, please.

11 MS. SILVERMAN: Yes. Hi.

12 So we're excited about the virtual training  
13 series. So we kicked off -- we actually had two training  
14 series this month and it was last Friday and Monday. So  
15 the Friday series was actually an overview of the program,  
16 so we hit on every component of the program. So it was a  
17 very hot topic and we had 100 external attendees, so that  
18 was great. It was a great overview.

19 And then we had -- on Monday, we had the Three  
20 Lists and the components of what it means to be on each of  
21 those lists. So again, it was greatly attended, it had 80  
22 external attendees.

23 So we also want to share with the Board, we have  
24 six additional workshops, four in March. So we have a very  
25 aggressive pace. So we want to share with our external

1 stakeholders that we -- again, we have a -- definitely an  
2 aggressive pace that we want to share with you and two more  
3 workshops in April. So Facility Hardship and Site  
4 Mitigation is our next workshop on March 16th and OPSC  
5 online on March 19th, and How to Complete an Eligibility  
6 Application and a Funding Application on March 26th. And  
7 for April, the Priority Funding Process and a Career Tech  
8 Education Grant and if you have a grant award, the  
9 timelines associated with that. And we know those are  
10 important timelines for folks, so again if you miss out on  
11 this opportunity and you don't have a -- again, you don't  
12 have any timelines associated with -- in your calendar,  
13 these are going to be posted on our resource page. So  
14 again, they are going to be featured on YouTube.

15           So again, we want to encourage folks to attend  
16 and we're going to have a question and answer session.  
17 These are widely attended, again, so it's going to be a  
18 great opportunity for folks to get acclimated with the  
19 program and these are wonderful opportunities for all.

20           The next announcement I want to share, we have a  
21 spring bond sale coming up on March 11th. And again, if  
22 all goes well with the spring bond sale, we should have  
23 cash in our accounts by the end of March. And that means  
24 we would line up for apportionments come April. So again,  
25 we'll have some further announcements by the end of - by

1 the March board, so we're looking forward to that and so  
2 that's exciting news.

3 And with that, I would say the next meeting is  
4 March 24th.

5 MS. MILLER: Great. That is exciting.

6 Any questions from the Board on the sale or  
7 anything else? No.

8 Any public comments?

9 Seeing none, we will move on to the consent  
10 agenda, please, Ms. Silverman.

11 MS. SILVERMAN: The consent is ready for your  
12 approval.

13 MS. MILLER: Great. Any comments from the Board  
14 or any members of the public on the consent agenda?

15 Seeing none, I just want to notice that  
16 Mr. Cunningham has joined us as well. Thank you for  
17 joining us, Mr. Cunningham.

18 ASSEMBLYMEMBER CUNNINGHAM: Present. Thank you.

19 MS. MILLER: Great. Thank you.

20 Mr. Cunningham, do you want to vote on the  
21 minutes before we move on to the consent agenda?

22 ASSEMBLYMEMBER CUNNINGHAM: I vote aye.

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

24 So we will - seeing no public comment, may we  
25 have a motion and a second on the consent agenda, please.

1 ASSEMBLYMEMBER BURKE: So moved.

2 MS. MILLER: Thanks, Ms. Burke.

3 MR. MIRELES: Second.

4 MS. MILLER: Thanks, Mr. Mireles.

5 Ms. Jones, will you call the roll, please.

6 MS. JONES: Yes.

7 Assemblymember O'Donnell.

8 ASSEMBLYMEMBER O'DONNELL: Aye.

9 MS. JONES: Assemblymember Cunningham.

10 ASSEMBLYMEMBER CUNNINGHAM: Aye.

11 MS. JONES: Assemblymember Burke.

12 ASSEMBLYMEMBER BURKE: Aye.

13 MS. JONES: Thank you.

14 Juan Mireles.

15 MR. MIRELES: Aye.

16 MS. JONES: Jeremy Smith.

17 MR. SMITH: Aye.

18 MS. JONES: Jennifer Osborn.

19 MS. OSBORN: Aye.

20 MS. JONES: Gayle Miller.

21 MS. MILLER: Aye.

22 That consent agenda passes. Thank you very much.

23 May we have the financial reports, Ms. Silverman.

24 MS. SILVERMAN: Yes. On page 113, we just want

25 to highlight that we had \$290 million that we released in

1 cash to prior apportionments, so that's great news. And as  
2 part of your consent agenda, on page 116, is just a summary  
3 of the actions you took. You approved \$213 million in  
4 projects as part of consent agenda, so that represents 70  
5 projects and we just want to highlight that as far as  
6 consent agenda.

7 MS. MILLER: That's fantastic. That's very  
8 exciting. Thanks.

9 Any public comments or questions from the Board  
10 on our financial report? Nope.

11 Seeing none, we're going to move to the Pioneer  
12 Union appeal. And Ms. Kampmeiner, if you don't mind  
13 helping us present that and then we'll call on Ms. Patsy  
14 Oxford, the superintendent of Pioneer UAC.

15 MS. KAMPMEINERT: Yes. Absolutely.

16 So we have the Pioneer Union action item  
17 beginning on page 134 of your agenda tonight. And this  
18 item, honestly it would have gone into the consent calendar  
19 except for one ask that we need to make of the Board for  
20 some consideration for this project.

21 And the situation at the school district is,  
22 unfortunately, the school was burned down in a fire last  
23 summer and the district lost all of its facilities. And  
24 this was a small school district with total enrollment of  
25 about 59 kids, give or take a few kids year by year and it

1 was only a single school district, so all of the facilities  
2 have been lost.

3           The project does qualify under our facility  
4 hardship program, and the district did qualify for  
5 financial hardship, so they are able to receive a  
6 conceptual approval with advance design funding under the  
7 program. And this will provide a little over \$200,000 for  
8 the school district to get started on designing a  
9 replacement campus.

10           However, it's -- the approval today, that would  
11 have normally gone on the consent calendar, but the  
12 district could really use some additional funding right now  
13 to get started on this process, as opposed to waiting for  
14 the priority funding process and a future bond sale.

15           So the request for the Board today is to expedite  
16 the cash to the district by approving the apportionment for  
17 the design funding as a standard apportionment, which will  
18 allow us to release the cash to the district in a matter of  
19 days as opposed to a matter of months. And in the  
20 recommendations on page 135 do include that recommendation  
21 as well as asking the district to notify OPSC when  
22 insurance proceeds are received for the project, that there  
23 may be some offset to the future stage of the project once  
24 insurance proceeds do come through.

25           But at this point, the project is ready for

1 approval for those design funds so that the district can  
2 get started and get back into facilities sooner. And we  
3 are just asking that the Board consider expediting that  
4 cash through an actual apportionment, as opposed to an  
5 unfunded approval tonight.

6 And with that, I would turn it over to the school  
7 district.

8 MS. MILLER: Great. Thanks, Ms. Kampmeinert for  
9 that and thank you for all of your work, working with the  
10 school district to make sure that this could happen  
11 quickly.

12 Ms. Oxford, do you want to address the Board at  
13 this time?

14 MS. OXFORD: Yes.

15 MS. MILLER: Please state your name and -

16 MS. OXFORD: Thank you so much. And I would like  
17 to thank Lisa Silverman and team, as well as Juan Mireles,  
18 for their assistance in getting this allocation and  
19 rebuilding our school.

20 And unless you've been up there, you have no idea  
21 how bad it is. But 33 of our 35 families lost everything -  
22 I'm sorry - everything they own. Eight of our 12 staff  
23 lost their homes, and I am actually the only person whose  
24 home is still -- who lives in the area whose home did not  
25 burn, and all of our school board members lost their homes.

1           So we moved to the nearest school, about 30 miles  
2 away and we have about 23 students there and 26 distance  
3 learning. All of our students are considered homeless, and  
4 so that's also a challenge.

5           But now what we're left with is the school will  
6 absolutely be the center of the community and the center of  
7 the rebuild. And we know from Paradise, which is literally  
8 a mountain and a half away as the crow flies. We've seen  
9 how their rebuilding is going and how you can come back and  
10 we will do it as well.

11           So I represent the community and we want to thank  
12 you from the bottom of our heart. Sorry for the tears, but  
13 unless you have been up there, you cannot imagine the  
14 devastation. And we are a small, small rural school, but  
15 they've had in the past when there was logging and other  
16 things up there, over 200 students. But, you know, the  
17 community is committed to coming back, the people in the  
18 community, and a lot of them have been there for  
19 generations. But the school will definitely be the center  
20 of all of that, so we appreciate it beyond words.

21           Thank you.

22           MS. MILER: Thank you so much for that,  
23 Ms. Oxford, and we really do hope that the school remains  
24 the center of your community and that your community goes  
25 from strength to strength. And really deeply appreciate

1 you sharing your story and it's a good reminder to all of  
2 us how much schools just impact our world and how necessary  
3 it is, and I'm so sorry for the way that your community  
4 suffered.

5 Is there -- are there any questions?

6 ASSEMBLYMEMBER BURKE: I'd just like to say  
7 something.

8 MS. MILLER: Please.

9 ASSEMBLYMEMBER BURKE: You know, I want to  
10 reiterate what the chair just said. I - you know, I did  
11 get a chance to go to Paradise after the fire there and I  
12 went to one of the schools and I saw how important that  
13 school was to the kids, like you said, that were now  
14 homeless and displaced and away from their friends and away  
15 from their families. And I have the chills now even just  
16 thinking about how that was the anchor for their lives and  
17 probably one of the best things for their mental health was  
18 to be able to come back to that school and it gave them  
19 some normalcy.

20 So super happy to support you and thank you. I  
21 know how hard this is, I know how emotional it is, and I  
22 know how trying it will be over the next few years as you  
23 rebuild your community. But just know that we are thinking  
24 about you and we support you and just so happy that you've  
25 made the commitment to bring that school back.

1 MS. OXFORD: Thank you so, so much.

2 ASSEMBLYMEMBER O'DONNELL: O'Donnell moves.

3 MS. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. O'Donnell.

4 Ms. Burke, you want to second?

5 MS. BURKE: Second. Yes.

6 MS. MILLER: Thank you for that.

7 Any other questions or any public comment?

8 Seeing none, Ms. Jones will you call the roll,

9 please.

10 And thank you, again, for all your work on this.

11 MS. JONES: Yes.

12 Assemblymember O'Donnell.

13 ASSEMBLYMEMBER O'DONNELL: Aye.

14 MS. JONES: Assemblymember Cunningham.

15 ASSEMBLYMEMBER CUNNINGHAM: The most enthusiastic

16 possible, aye.

17 MS. JONES: Assemblymember Burke.

18 ASSEMBLYMEMBER BURKE: Aye.

19 MS. JONES: Juan Mireles.

20 MR. MIRELES: Aye.

21 MS. JONES: Jeremy Smith.

22 MR. SMITH: Aye.

23 MS. JONES: Jennifer Osborn.

24 MS. OSBORN: Aye.

25 MS. JONES: Gayle Miller.

1 MS. MILLER: Aye.

2 And with great pleasure, Ms. Oxford, that motion  
3 passes. And please send us pictures so that we can  
4 continue to follow your story. We look forward to hearing  
5 about the successful rebuild. Thank you.

6 And Juan, thank you for everything you did.

7 MS. OXFORD: Thank you.

8 MS. MILLER: Thank you very much.

9 MS. OXFORD: Thank you so very much.

10 MS. MILLER: Thank you for the reality check we  
11 all needed today. Thank you.

12 So I think with that we have one more item, the  
13 three-month projected workload, Ms. Silverman.

14 MS. SILVERMAN: Sorry. Any questions on the  
15 workload?

16 MS. MILLER: I don't think there's any questions.  
17 Any public comments? Any other public comment for any  
18 reason?

19 No. With that and that huge success story from  
20 Pioneer, we are adjourned. Thank you, everyone. Take care  
21 and have a good day.

22 (Whereupon, at 4:17 p.m., the proceedings were  
23 adjourned.)

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