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APPEARANCES:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

GAYLE MILLER, Chief Deputy Director, Policy, Department
of Finance, designated representative for Joe
Stephenshaw, Director, Department of Finance
ANA LASSO, Director, Department of General Services
JEREMY SMITH, Appointee of Gavin Newsom, 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
SENATOR SCOTT WILK
SENATOR CONNIE LEYVA
SENATOR JOHN LAIRD
ASSEMBLYMEMBER PATRICK O'DONNELL
ASSEMBLYMEMBER MIA BONTA

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE ALLOCATION BOARD/OFFICE OF
PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PRESENT:

LISA SILVERMAN, Executive Officer
BARBARA KAMPMEINERT, Deputy Executive Officer

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1 **MR. SMITH:** Here.

2 **MS. JONES:** Ana Lasso?

3 **MS. LASSO:** Here.

4 **MS. JONES:** Gayle Miller.

5 **GAYLE MILLER:** Here.

6 We have a quorum.

7 And Mr. O'Donnell, can I just confirm that the other
8 Mr. O'Donnell on the line is one of your team members?

9 **ASM. O'DONNELL:** You know, I -- there's me. I'm on
10 my cell phone. I don't know --

11 **GAYLE MILLER:** Yeah. I just want to make sure we
12 know who the second Mr. O'Donnell is.

13 If you could unmute and just let us know.

14 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Sorry, I'm on the wrong link.
15 I'm hanging up.

16 **GAYLE MILLER:** No worries.

17 Okay. So as I was saying, we're meeting by Zoom
18 pursuant to SB189. There's also an opportunity to
19 provide public comment in person at 707 Third Street in
20 West Sac, the Ziggurat Building. And please, for our
21 meeting to run efficiently, you'll all be muted all
22 attendees while we're meeting. If you'd like to make a
23 comment, please use the raised hand feature in the Zoom
24 interface, and we'll call on you at the appropriate time,
25 and OPSC staff will request to unmute you. If you're

1 calling into the meeting and not using the Zoom interface
2 and also not appearing in person, unfortunately, will not
3 be able to make public comments. There will be no closed
4 session at today's meeting.

5 And then this is really, really bittersweet because
6 I may wait maybe until the end, Mr. O'Donnell, I'm really
7 going to miss you. We're also sadly -- this is our last
8 meeting. We also want to recognize Senator Leyva and Mr.
9 Mayes. But I think if it's okay with you, I may wait
10 until the end of the meeting if that works for you, just
11 to acknowledge all of your really, truly incredible work
12 on behalf of students in California. I think you know
13 that you have made such a huge difference and without
14 you, literally thousands and thousands of students would
15 not be housed in classrooms and be able to learn in
16 facilities that actually work. So it's truly no small
17 feat, and I personally have learned a great deal from you
18 and owe you a debt of gratitude. But if it's okay with
19 you, if you'll wait until the end, I want to see if
20 Senator Leyva joins too so that we can recognize her as
21 well. But we'll try and make everything else go quickly,
22 if I could do it officially at the end and open it up for
23 public comment; is that okay? Thank you. I was hoping
24 we had one more in December. So anyways.

25 So with that, I think we'll move to the minutes

1 while we wait and see if we get our other members to
2 join. The minutes from October 26, 2022, any public
3 comments? Seeing none, I will move approval. Is there a
4 second, please?

5 **SENATOR WILK:** Me. Seconds.

6 **GAYLE MILLER:** Thank you, Senator.

7 Ms. Jones, just confirming no public comment. Will
8 you call the roll on the minutes, please?

9 **MS. JONES:** Yes, I will.

10 Senator Wilk?

11 **SENATOR WILK:** Aye.

12 **MS. JONES:** Assemblymember O'Donnell?

13 **ASM. O'DONNELL:** Aye.

14 **MS. JONES:** Juan Mireles?

15 **MR. MIRELES:** Aye.

16 **MS. JONES:** Jeremy Smith?

17 **MR. SMITH:** Aye.

18 **MS. JONES:** Ana Lasso?

19 **MS. LASSO:** Aye.

20 **MS. JONES:** Gayle Miller?

21 **GAYLE MILLER:** Aye.

22 The minutes are approved. Next, we will move to the
23 Executive Officer Statement, please, Ms. Silverman.

24 **MS. SILVERMAN:** So we have a few items to cover
25 today. And again, this is the last meeting of the year,

1 and we'll have some sorrow, farewells today and just want
2 to acknowledge our departing members, and we'll say that
3 later.

4 But for the Executive Officer Statement, we
5 definitely wanted to highlight that the Facility
6 Inspection Tool is now available in an updated format,
7 which is Microsoft Excel. I know the Board did adopt
8 this new format and all the updates and revisions at the
9 April 27th, '22 board meeting. But we also wanted to be
10 able to share with our stakeholders that we have a lot of
11 actually additions to the Excel worksheet that's
12 automatically insert roles, that would actually include
13 additional buildings and names; automatic calculation
14 features also in the cleanliness category, which is a new
15 detail worksheet; automatic transfer of information on
16 these detail worksheets; and also the total rankings and
17 summary page will also have some ratings as well. And
18 actually have an automatic calculator that also carries
19 over to the category ranking and overall school rating.

20 So again, a lot of great features. We've been
21 hearing from our stakeholders, but we just wanted to move
22 forward with the Board adopting the form first and then
23 add these enhancements later. So look forward to a web-
24 based item in the future where districts can export the
25 document and load it up via PDF. So again, more

1 enhancements in this area.

2 The second item we wanted to highlight is the
3 regulatory amendments for direct apportionments. The
4 Board did adopt on emergency basis at the September SAB.
5 Meeting the Emergency Regulation Approval. And the
6 Office of Administrative Law did approve those
7 regulations on November 7th, 2022. So basically whenever
8 we have cash, the Board can act on that cash via direct
9 apportionments on that emergency basis outside the
10 priority of funding process. So again, we're happy that
11 we'll be introducing some projects.

12 The first that will be part of the consent agenda,
13 with just nearly 214 million for seventy projects. That
14 will be part of consent agenda and also the expedited
15 party funding apportionments, which is a separate action
16 item. Nearly 110 million dollars will also be part of
17 the agenda as well. So get moving on that cash. And so
18 it's great news for the Board in the programs.

19 We also wanted to share with the Board that as part
20 of the agenda as well the California Preschool
21 Transitional Kindergarten and Full Day Kindergarten
22 Facilities Grant Program. We did wrap up the last
23 funding as provided in the agenda. And so in total we
24 will actually approve -- the Board will approve tonight
25 the 225 million dollars, or nearly 225 million dollars,

1 for seventy projects, so that wraps up this last filing
2 round that opened in April. And just for those folks
3 that didn't get funding, again, we want to encourage
4 those applications to submit an application sometime
5 February 1st. But we'll be returning those applications
6 that we did receive in that last funding round. So
7 again, excited that we are turning the page and actually
8 funding 225 million dollars. So that's great news, and
9 looking forward to more applications to come in at the
10 February 1st file opening.

11 We also wanted to share with the Board that we
12 actually have an upcoming webinar for the facility
13 Financial Hardship, the California Preschool and
14 Transitional Kindergarten and Full Day Kindergarten Grant
15 Program. That webinar will start January 18th, 2023,
16 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. And again, it will be a Zoom
17 webinar. And it really is the walk-through our potential
18 grant applicants, the program overview, and overview of
19 how you can be successful in the Financial Hardship
20 Program in order to receive additional points that would
21 elevate your score and ranking, and also how to complete
22 an application online through our OPSC online system.

23 So again, we'll be having additional announcements
24 and those who are interested could sign up for this
25 webinar, and of course, it's free of charge. So looking

1 forward to having lots of folks participate and actually
2 saving a number of applications once the filing round
3 opens up in February.

4 And then our next meeting is January 25th, 2023 at
5 4:00.

6 **GAYLE MILLER:** Great. Thank you so much.

7 Any questions for Ms. Silverman? Thank you, as
8 always.

9 Any public comment? Seeing none, we'll move to the
10 content agenda.

11 Again, Ms. Silverman, please.

12 **MS. SILVERMAN:** It's set and agenda is ready for
13 your approval.

14 **GAYLE MILLER:** Great. Thank you very much.

15 Any questions?

16 **ASM. O'DONNELL:** Moved.

17 **GAYLE MILLER:** Thank you, Mr. O'Donnell.

18 I'll second.

19 Any public comment?

20 Seeing none, Ms. Jones, will you call the roll?

21 Again, just use the raise hand feature if you want
22 to make a public comment. I don't see any, though.

23 Ms. Jones, will you call the roll, moved, and
24 seconded?

25 **MS. SILVERMAN:** Yes.

1 Senator Wilk?

2 **SENATOR WILK:** Aye.

3 **GAYLE MILLER:** Senator Wilk, we didn't hear you.

4 **SENATOR WILK:** Aye.

5 **GAYLE MILLER:** Thank you.

6 **MS. JONES:** Thank you.

7 Senator Laird?

8 **SENATOR LAIRD:** Aye.

9 **MS. JONES:** Assemblymember O'Donnell?

10 **ASM. O'DONNELL:** Aye.

11 **ASM. BONTA:** Aye.

12 **MS. JONES:** Juan Mireles?

13 **MR. MIRELES:** Aye.

14 **MS. JONES:** Jeremy Smith?

15 **MR. SMITH:** Aye.

16 **MS. JONES:** Ana Lasso?

17 **MS. LASSO:** Aye.

18 **MS. JONES:** Gayle Miller?

19 **GAYLE MILLER:** Aye.

20 The consent agenda is approved.

21 Next, we will move to the financial reports.

22 Ms. Silverman?

23 **MS. SILVERMAN:** Yeah, we wanted to highlight on page

24 179 is that basically the status of the cash being

25 released from our program. So in October, even though

1 the Board did take action on a lot of projects, 805
2 million dollars in October, we did release twenty-four
3 million dollars in funds. So again, that was just a week
4 after the Board meeting. So again, we'll have some
5 updated status reports come in January and looking
6 forward to liquidating all 805 million dollars as a
7 result of those apportionments that did get approved by
8 the Board.

9 And then on page 181 and 182, it's the status of
10 funds. Just wanted to highlight, again, that the Board
11 did take action on the apportionments and the advance
12 apportionments also and the consent agenda. So that's
13 109.9 million dollars, but also will be included as a
14 result of the party funding apportionments that you'll
15 take action shortly. And then there's 213 million
16 dollars that's also tucked away in the consent agenda as
17 well. So with that, I'll open up to any questions.

18 **GAYLE MILLER:** Great.

19 Any questions? Seeing none, any public comment?

20 Seeing none, we will now move to --

21 Thank you, Ms. Silverman.

22 -- to Ms. Kampmeinert and the California Preschool
23 Transitional Kindergarten and Full Day kindergarten
24 Facilities Grant Program apportionments. Ms.
25 Kampmeinert.

1 **MS. KAMPMEINERT:** Yeah. Thank you. Yeah. So as
2 Lisa mentioned, we've got some exciting things happening
3 on our agenda today, lots of money going out. So our
4 next item is on page 199 of the agenda. And it is the
5 apportionments for the California Preschool Transitional
6 Kindergarten and Full Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant
7 Program. And this is for our third funding cycle. And
8 as a reminder, that third funding round opened on April
9 1st, 2022 and closed on April 30th. The Board had
10 allocated 224.9 million of funding for this third filing
11 round, and we did receive 418 applications requesting
12 over 1.5 billion in funding.

13 As we did receive more applications than funds
14 available, projects were ranked and presented for
15 approval based on preference points that were generated
16 from both the percentage of students that were receiving
17 free and reduced price meals at the district, as well as
18 financial hardship status for the project if applicable.

19 And the Board has previously approved eleven
20 projects of this filing round for 33.6 million in
21 September and an additional eighteen projects last month,
22 59.4 million in our October agenda. And so what this
23 item does is request approval for the balance of the
24 funds. We have forty-three projects totaling about 131.8
25 million that are ready for apportionment, as shown on

1 Attachment B of this item. And that brings the total
2 number of projects approved for this round to seventy-two
3 using almost all of the funds available. We did have one
4 project at the tail end of that list that opted not to
5 take a partial apportionment. So it left us with about
6 just a little over 39,000 dollars that we will roll over
7 to the fourth filing round.

8 And as Lisa mentioned, if a district had submitted
9 for this third filing round and was not awarded at one of
10 these three meetings, then those applications will not be
11 retained. So districts will need to apply again for the
12 fourth filing round, which will open on February 1st.

13 And with that, this item is ready for the Board's
14 approval as outlined in the staff recommendations that
15 are on page 201 of today's agenda. And I'd be happy to
16 answer any questions.

17 **GAYLE MILLER:** Great. Speaking of Mr. O'Donnell's
18 legacy, any questions?

19 Any public comment? If Senator Leyva was here, she
20 and I would do a happy dance. This is really exciting.
21 Great work, everyone. It's really, truly phenomenal.

22 Seeing none, who would like to move?

23 **ASM. O'DONNELL:** I'll move.

24 **GAYLE MILLER:** Thank you, Mr. O'Donnell.

25 I can second.

1 Ms. Jones, will you call the roll?
2 **MS. JONES:** Certainly will.
3 Senator Wilk?
4 **GAYLE MILLER:** Senator Wilk, we're not hearing you.
5 **SENATOR WILK:** My mic's on. And I say aye.
6 **GAYLE MILLER:** Oh, there you go. Now you're loud
7 and --
8 **SENATOR WILK:** Geez.
9 **GAYLE MILLER:** -- clear.
10 **MS. JONES:** Thank you.
11 Senator Laird?
12 **SENATOR LAIRD:** Aye.
13 **MS. JONES:** Thank you.
14 Assemblymember O'Donnell?
15 **ASM. O'DONNELL:** Aye.
16 **MS. JONES:** Assemblymember Bonta?
17 **ASM. BONTA:** Aye.
18 **MS. JONES:** Juan Mireles?
19 **MR. MIRELES:** Aye.
20 **MS. JONES:** Jeremy Smith?
21 **MR. SMITH:** Aye.
22 **MS. JONES:** Ana Lasso?
23 **MS. LASSO:** Aye.
24 **MS. JONES:** Gayle Miller?
25 **GAYLE MILLER:** Aye.

1 The apportionments are approved. And this is
2 especially as we go into a bit of a downturn, truly
3 incredible that we have realized this goal of full day
4 kindergarten. It is truly, truly incredible.

5 Now, we will move to the priority funding school
6 construction apportionments also by Ms. Kampmeinert,
7 please.

8 **MS. KAMPMEINERT:** Great. Thank you.

9 So moving to page 287 of today's agenda, this item
10 is seeking the Board's approval of approximately 109.9
11 million in priority funding apportionments. And this
12 will be for fifty projects from thirty-seven unique
13 school districts. And as Lisa shared of the Executive
14 Officer Statement, beginning with the new approvals in
15 the consent section of today's agenda, we have moved to a
16 draft apportionment model.

17 However, there were projects on our September and
18 October consent calendar that did receive unfunded
19 approvals, and they were offered expedited priority
20 funding apportionments so that they could take advantage
21 of the general fund proceeds that we did receive. So
22 those districts had an opportunity to request these
23 expedited apportionments. And that's what we have before
24 the Board today.

25 For any of the districts that did receive those

1 unfunded approvals that chose not to request the
2 expedited apportionment, the normal priority funding
3 timelines remain in effect. And so there is a
4 certification filing period that's currently open that
5 will close on December 8th that districts can use for the
6 typical priority funding timelines.

7 However, the projects that are on Attachment B in
8 the amount of approximately 109.9 million are ready for
9 your approval. And once approved, the applicants will
10 have ninety days to submit a fund release request, and
11 that due date is going to be 11:59 p.m. on February 26,
12 2023, which we have to get used to saying now, that's
13 crazy. And with that, we request the Board's approval of
14 this item.

15 **GAYLE MILLER:** Great.

16 Any questions?

17 Any public comment?

18 I really do think that the OPSC team wins the award
19 for like getting the money out the fastest from the state
20 budget. It's incredible.

21 Seeing none, does someone want to move approval of
22 the 109 million dollars in --

23 **MR. SMITH:** Moved.

24 **GAYLE MILLER:** Thank you.

25 **SENATOR LAIRD:** Second.

1 **GAYLE MILLER:** Great. Thank you, Senator.

2 **SENATOR LAIRD:** I beat Gayle. (Audio interference).

3 **GAYLE MILLER:** Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by

4 Senator Laird.

5 Oh, do you have a question, Senator? I'm sorry.

6 **SENATOR LAIRD:** (No audible response.)

7 **GAYLE MILLER:** No? Oh, great. Okay.

8 **SENATOR LAIRD:** No, no, I was just saying that I was

9 trying to beat you to seconded, that's all.

10 **GAYLE MILLER:** Oh, I --

11 Ms. Jones, will you take the roll?

12 **MS. JONES:** Yes.

13 Senator Wilk?

14 **SENATOR WILK:** Aye.

15 **MS. JONES:** I heard you.

16 Senator Laird?

17 **SENATOR LAIRD:** Aye.

18 **MS. JONES:** Thank you.

19 Assemblymember O'Donnell?

20 **ASM. O'DONNELL:** Aye.

21 **MS. JONES:** Assemblymember Bonta?

22 **ASM. BONTA:** Aye.

23 **MS. JONES:** Juan Mireles?

24 **MR. MIRELES:** Aye.

25 **MS. JONES:** Jeremy Smith?

1 **MR. SMITH:** Aye.

2 **MS. JONES:** Ana Lasso?

3 **MS. LASSO:** Aye.

4 **MS. JONES:** Gayle Miller?

5 **GAYLE MILLER:** Aye.

6 The priority funding school construction
7 apportionments are adopted.

8 Ms. Silverman, our ninety-day workload before we
9 honor our three departing members?

10 **MS. SILVERMAN:** Ninety-day workload is open for any
11 questions. If not, we can move on.

12 **GAYLE MILLER:** Great.

13 Well, as I said at the beginning, this is really
14 bittersweet to say goodbye to three members who have been
15 on the State Allocation Board for a long time.

16 Sorry, Senator Laird, that I rushed through to get
17 to this part.

18 But it's pretty incredible to see the amount of work
19 that each of these members has done.

20 Mr. O'Donnell, you know this, but since December
21 5th, 2016 you've assisted the Board in making
22 apportionments and unfunded approvals for -- this is so
23 incredible -- over 7.6 billion dollars representing 2,742
24 projects for the School Facilities Program; the Preschool
25 and Transitional Kindergarten and Full Day Kindergarten

1 Grant Program, which you helped us start; and all of the
2 other programs that the State Allocation Board
3 administers. You've obviously helped increase the
4 leadership on this Board since becoming vice chair in
5 February 2020 and bringing that role back, that we're
6 really grateful for.

7 And then just all the ways that you've helped shape
8 policy in enabling the Board to address so many
9 unprecedented challenges around how do we house our
10 students. But especially when during COVID-19 and its
11 impacts on school districts and their staff and students
12 and really everyone in California, you helped us by
13 making sure that COVID-19 didn't delay the processing of
14 any of the school's construction projects, and we created
15 the emergency powers for the executive officer so that
16 folks could continue with the construction. And I think
17 that has really just reaped so many benefits this year.

18 So we really are incredibly, incredibly grateful.
19 And more than anything on behalf of the students of
20 California, like thank you from the bottom of my heart
21 for everything you've done. You will truly be missed and
22 I will personally miss you challenging my thinking and
23 making things better. So thank you very much and
24 congratulations. But again, we will miss you, so don't
25 be a stranger. But I lost you when we started sharing

1 screen. There you are.

2 And anyone that wants to say anything on behalf of
3 Mr. O'Donnell, I'll present the resolutions for Senator
4 Leyva and Mr. Mayes as well. I texted their team. I
5 hope they're able to join.

6 Mr. O'Donnell, do you want to say a few words before
7 we open it to the public or are you just in amazement of
8 your incredible accomplishments?

9 **ASM. O'DONNELL:** I'll make it quick, okay? Listen,
10 our mission is not yet done. I can tell you, because
11 right now I'm sitting in a classroom in major need of
12 modernization or replacement, right? So I live this on a
13 daily basis in my professional life as a teacher.

14 But I just want to -- the people here are great, but
15 we've always recognized that the cause is greater than
16 us. And to the Board members, to the staff, this has
17 never broken down into anything like, oh, for my
18 district, my elected district, or my Senate district, or
19 anything like that. We don't have those conversations
20 because we don't go there. We know this is all about the
21 students of California. And this program has been very
22 supportive of our students.

23 I always say school facilities set the tone for the
24 school day. When you walk in, what do you see? School
25 facilities. And that's what we provide, not to mention

1 the academic support they provide for kids, et cetera.
2 So I'm very excited what we've done and what's still to
3 be done because what the average school in California is
4 about seventy years old -- seventy plus years old, and
5 many are still in need of modernization, replacement, and
6 of course, the new construction side. So with that, I
7 just want to thank everybody for all their support for me
8 and also for our mission.

9 **GAYLE MILLER:** Thank you.

10 Anyone else want to say a few words?

11 **MS. LASSO:** I'll go ahead and just say that --

12 **GAYLE MILLER:** Oh, thank you.

13 **MS. LASSO:** -- you will be greatly missed,
14 Assemblymember, and how lucky are we and the public that
15 we have someone on the Board who not only knows the
16 policy and participates in representing their
17 constituents, but also knows that from the inside of the
18 classroom and those students are very lucky to have you
19 back in the classroom so.

20 **GAYLE MILLER:** Indeed. Indeed. I think what you
21 said is so true, like whenever I walked into the old
22 Capitol building, the idea that we can do great things,
23 but the humility that comes with it that there's still
24 much to be done I think is so true.

25 Senator Leyva is going to hop on. So while we're

1 waiting for her, I'm just going to acknowledge Mr. Mayes,
2 who is not able to hop on and his dedication to the State
3 Allocation Board since September 27th, 2021. And his
4 first meeting was October 27th of '21. He made
5 apportionments and unfunded approvals for almost 2.1
6 billion dollars representing 1,026 projects for the
7 School Facilities Program, the California Preschool
8 Transitional Kinder and Full Day Kindergarten Grant
9 Program, and our other programs. And through his
10 commitment to the State's best interest, he enabled the
11 SAB to address many complex and sensitive issues that
12 affect school districts participating in this program.
13 So thank you, thank you, thank you to Mr. Mayes as well,
14 and we are really grateful for your service. Thank you.

15 Why don't we -- while we're hopefully -- while
16 Senator Leyva has not hopped on yet. Is --

17 **SENATOR LEYVA:** I'm here.

18 **GAYLE MILLER:** Yay. Oh, we're so excited. Thank
19 you for making it. And we're going to open the roll for
20 you as well.

21 **SENATOR LEYVA:** Thank you. I'm so embarrassed.

22 **GAYLE MILLER:** Oh, my gosh, don't be. Really, we
23 just wanted to express so much gratitude to you, Senator,
24 and acknowledge your service to the State Allocation
25 Board --

1 **SENATOR LEYVA:** Thank you.

2 **GAYLE MILLER:** -- since March 13th, 2019. Your
3 meeting and my meeting were actually the exact same day.
4 And just on a personal note, you were very supportive.
5 It was my first time chairing a meeting with very
6 intimidating legislators, so I'm grateful to you for
7 that.

8 **SENATOR LEYVA:** You did a great job.

9 **GAYLE MILLER:** -- (audio interference) you have --
10 imposter syndrome -- you've insisted the State Allocation
11 Board in making apportionments and unfunded approvals for
12 over almost 6.3 billion dollars representing 2,160
13 projects for all the programs we administer, including
14 the school facilities and the transitional and full day
15 kindergarten programs.

16 You've helped us shape policy that led to decisions
17 enabling the SAB to address the streamlining of the
18 Facility Hardship and Rehabilitation and Seismic
19 Mitigation Programs. You implemented the first general
20 fund appropriation from the legislature to the School
21 Facilities Program of 250 million, and then later the 1.3
22 billion dollar appropriation that allowed for these
23 direct apportionments to be made on an ongoing basis.
24 And you also implemented the program modifications that
25 expanded the Full Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant

1 Program, the program we actually approved today, to the
2 California Preschool Transitional Kinder and Full Day
3 Kindergarten Facilities Grant Programs. So really I hope
4 you'll say a few words, but I thank your dedication
5 really to all of us, especially us women in the State
6 capital that have been so grateful for your service and
7 so grateful to the voice you've given us for these many
8 years and more to the students in the State. I really
9 appreciate you hopping on so we could honor you. It's a
10 pleasure. And we're really grateful. So thank you very
11 much.

12 **SENATOR LEYVA:** Well, thank you, Gayle. It has been
13 an honor to be on this Board, be a part of the
14 allocation. This is something when we take votes, you
15 feel like you're actually making a difference and helping
16 people. Not that we don't always feel like the votes we
17 take on the Senate floor are making a difference. But
18 these you really know that the money is going to go where
19 it's needed. It's going to help our future leaders, our
20 children. And I just apologize. I thought it was
21 Thursday that the meeting was, not Monday. I don't know
22 why I got that in my head. So thank goodness for good
23 staff who texted me.

24 **GAYLE MILLER:** Yay, Cameron. Yeah.

25 **SENATOR LEYVA:** Yay, Cameron, exactly.

1 But it's been an honor to work with all of you and
2 just get to know a little bit more about each one of you.
3 And so thank you.

4 So I see Senator Laird and I see Assemblymember
5 Bonta, so you guys are going to have to keep it going for
6 us, and I won't be too far away.

7 But it's really been an honor to do the job as a
8 senator, but also be on this Board. So thank you for
9 allowing me to do this.

10 **GAYLE MILLER:** Thank you. In these dark times in
11 our world, I will say this Board brings me so much joy
12 that we get to do really meaningful work.

13 **SENATOR LEYVA:** True.

14 **GAYLE MILLER:** So any comments?

15 Senator Laird, please.

16 **SENATOR LAIRD:** Yes. I can't help but comment. And
17 I'm sorry I missed the opportunity on Assemblymember
18 O'Donnell. And I think that the interesting thing is as
19 we are losing in the legislature and the Allocation Board
20 both the chairs of the Education Policy Committee. And
21 they have just been leaders in actually helping us get
22 the money here to actually allocate. And I don't think
23 Connie is lying when she says she's not going away. I
24 mean, I will try to disconnect my cell number or
25 something, because I think she will contact me about this

1 Board. And it's interesting, I don't think she's really
2 starting to check out. I think this really was a
3 momentary slip. She isn't (audio interference) to the
4 end, to the end. And I think in the Senate, we will
5 truly miss her. She has been a voice that's been strong
6 and unique and passionate, and she has brought that on to
7 this Board. And I think everybody has been lucky to
8 serve with her.

9 **SENATOR LEYVA:** Thank you, John. And no, I was at
10 the District office this morning, so yeah, no, we're
11 still finishing up and, yeah, I said we've going to go to
12 the end, we've got to finish strong. Thank you, John.

13 **GAYLE MILLER:** Absolutely.

14 Mr. O'Donnell is still on, Senator, so hopefully he
15 heard your kind words.

16 Anybody else? Any members of the public?

17 Seeing none, why don't we, Ms. Jones, as our last
18 act just open the roll for any of the items that the
19 Senator and Assemblymember may have missed?

20 **MS. JONES:** Yes, let's do that. So let's start off
21 at the minutes.

22 Senator Leyva, how do you vote on the minutes?

23 **SENATOR LEYVA:** Aye.

24 **MS. JONES:** And also, Senator Laird, how do you vote
25 on the minutes?

1 **SENATOR LAIRD:** Aye.

2 **MS. JONES:** And then Assemblymember Bonta, I think
3 this is the last vote that I need on the minutes from
4 you.

5 **ASM. BONTA:** Aye.

6 **MS. JONES:** Thank you.

7 All right. On the consent calendar, how do you vote
8 on the consent calendar?

9 **SENATOR LEYVA:** Aye.

10 **MS. JONES:** And Senator Laird, you were here, and
11 Assemblymember Bonta, thank you.

12 And then Senator Laird, how do -- sorry, Senator
13 Leyva, how do you vote on our action item for the full
14 day kindergarten?

15 **SENATOR LEYVA:** Aye.

16 **MS. JONES:** Okay. And then also on the school
17 facility program director -- the Priority School
18 Construction Apportionments?

19 **SENATOR LEYVA:** Yay. And Aye.

20 **MS. JONES:** Okay, great. And I appreciate you both.
21 Oh, actually, yes, thank you so much. Everybody's
22 done.

23 **GAYLE MILLER:** Great. Thank you.

24 And just so you know, Senator Leyva, the full day
25 kindergarten -- and this is a big part of I know your

1 childcare agenda -- that was almost 132 million dollars.
2 I know. And then the direct apportionment today was
3 almost 110 million. So we are indeed accomplishing a
4 lot.

5 So Assemblymember Bonta and Senator Laird, we hope
6 you'll stay with us to keep improving things.

7 So thank you, thank you, thank you. I'm really
8 grateful for all of you this time of year and especially
9 our departing members, and we will truly miss you.

10 Happy holidays, everyone. Thank you.

11 **SENATOR LEYVA:** Happy holidays.

12 **MS. JONES:** Next year.

13 **SENATOR LEYVA:** I'll miss all of you, too.

14 **GAYLE MILLER:** Take care.

15 **SENATOR LEYVA:** Take care.

16 **SENATOR LEYVA:** Bye.

17 **GAYLE MILLER:** Bye.

18 **MS. JONES:** Bye-bye.

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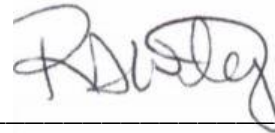
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