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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

ABEL GUILLEN, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, Operations & Administration Branch, California Department of Education, designated representative for Tony Thurmond, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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

ASSEMBLY MEMBER AL MURATSUCHI

ASSEMBLY MEMBER LAURIE DAVIES

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 Senator Laird. Senator Newman. Assemblymember Bonta.
2 Assembly member Muratsuchi. Assemblymember Davies.

3 **MS. DAVIES:** Here.

4 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Juan Mireles. Mr. Smith.

5 **MR. SMITH:** Here.

6 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Director Lasso.

7 **MS. LASSO:** Present.

8 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Madam Chairwoman.

9 **MS. MILLER:** Here. So we will start as a
10 subcommittee. And we won't be able to take actions, but
11 we'll at least be able to go through some of the items
12 and then see if members are able to add on.

13 Oh. And you know what? Nancy Espinoza is saying
14 there's no audio. So can we take care of that? To our
15 video folks, if you could -- could you promote Ms. -- are
16 we -- can you let me know, video folks, if there's -- are
17 we having an audio issue?

18 The audio is good on the livestream.

19 **MS. KAMPMEINART:** We've got staff watching the Zoom
20 that can hear.

21 **MS. MILLER:** Huh. Okay. Ms. Espinoza, I think
22 you're the only one having this issue. Are you able to
23 hear me now? So the livestream has audio, and the --

24 **MR. WATANABE:** Zoom and webcast both look like
25 they're good.

1 **MS. MILLER:** Zoom and webcast have audio. Okay. So
2 with that, we will hope that it has been resolved. If --
3 of course, the Q&A is not public because it is not ADA
4 compliant. So please do not use the Q&A to communicate
5 with the Board just for -- as a note.

6 But certainly if there is not audio, you should let
7 us know again and we will stop the meeting until you're
8 able to hear us. Last chance, assuming the audio has
9 been fixed. Sounds like everyone else has audio. Okay.

10 With that, we will -- we have the minutes that are
11 prepared. Are there any public comments on the minutes?
12 Any Board questions? Seeing none, we -- the minutes are
13 obviously from March 22nd. We will hold this until we
14 have a quorum to make a motion on the minutes.

15 Next, we'll go to the executive officer statement,
16 please, Ms. Silverman.

17 **MS. SILVERMAN:** Yes. We have a few announcements,
18 and actually, it's going to be rather short and brief. I
19 just want to remind folks that we have an upcoming
20 filing -- party funding filing round. And that's
21 actually open May 10th, and it closes June 8th of 2023.

22 And just to remind folks that you can submit that
23 funding filing round priority online, and actually, you
24 have until June -- the close of business, June 8th, 2023.

25 And if you do submit it online, you have until 11:59

1 to do that. So we want encourage folks to do that. And
2 if we do receive your ballot -- party funding request,
3 that is valid from July 1st, 2023 through December 31st,
4 '23 -- 2023. So it's great news. So we want to
5 encourage those folks to apply and so you can get your
6 cash.

7 Sustainable Facilities Forum, our staff participated
8 at the Green Technology Sustainable Facilities Forum on
9 May 8th and that was here in Sacramento. And we actually
10 partnered with Muroc Unified School District.

11 And the overview that OPSC provided was about the
12 school facility program as well as providing guidance on
13 how you can use green properties in your project. And
14 again, that was a well-attended venue, and again, there's
15 lots of great information. So if you need to access that
16 presentation, it's actually on our YouTube page.

17 And then our next meeting is June 28th at 4 o'clock.

18 **MS. MILLER:** Okay. Thank you very much. I think we
19 have Assemblymember Muratsuchi, so we may actually have a
20 quorum.

21 If you could call Mr. Muratsuchi's name to establish
22 a quorum, please, Ms. Rosenheimer. Oh. And you're on
23 mute.

24 Thank you for joining us from Session,
25 Assemblymember Muratsuchi.

1 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Thank you for joining us. I'll
2 mark you as present. I'm counting five members, though.
3 I believe we need six for a quorum.

4 **MS. MILLER:** Oh. You're correct. I just
5 miscounted. Bummer. Okay. We will move on then and
6 hope that Juan Mireles is coming on quickly.

7 So with that, we have the consent agenda. If you
8 want to describe the consent agenda to us, Ms. Silverman.

9 **MS. SILVERMAN:** Yes. The consent agenda is ready
10 for your approval. And just wanted to highlight that we
11 actually have \$154.5 million as direct apportionments and
12 nine unfunded approvals for the charter school program.
13 So we wanted to present that in the consent agenda.

14 **MS. MILLER:** Great. Thank you very much. Do we
15 know what Mr. Mireles' status is?

16 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** I have no word at this point.

17 **MS. MILLER:** Okay. Because he's always here on
18 time, so I wonder if we should -- and no other member is
19 able to join, right?

20 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Yeah. I actually reached out to
21 Abel (ph.) as well and sent him a notification as well as
22 Juan Mireles on their personal devices.

23 **MS. MILLER:** Okay. All righty. Well, with that, we
24 won't be able to take action on the consent calendar,
25 either. So we will move to the financial reports,

1 please, Ms. Silver -- oh.

2 Actually, is there any public comment on the consent
3 agenda? You could use the raise hand feature in the Zoom
4 interface. Seeing none, we'll move to the financial
5 reports, please, Ms. Silverman.

6 **MS. SILVERMAN:** Yes. On page 121, we just wanted to
7 highlight on status of fund releases that we actually had
8 about \$3 million that we released in April. So wondering
9 if we could -- just again, just highlighting that we have
10 the cash that was released.

11 And I also want -- just want to highlight on the
12 status of funds reports, and that's on page 123 and 124.
13 We just got -- again, we have the consent agenda that was
14 approved, and that was also checked in the status of fund
15 releases. So again, we just wanted to highlight that.

16 We just got word that, unfortunately, Juan may not
17 be able to join us. So I'm going to reach out to Abel to
18 see if I can get him in the meeting.

19 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** We really appreciate those of you
20 that did show up, making time for the subcommittee. We
21 understand this is a really busy time of year, especially
22 for our members in the legislative bodies.

23 **MS. MILLER:** So for those of you that couldn't see
24 the Q&A, our board member unfortunately experienced a
25 death in the family. So that is why he is not able to

1 join.

2 (Pause)

3 **MS. SILVERMAN:** We're also reaching out to other
4 members right now.

5 **MR. WATANABE:** I got Abel. Give me a minute to get
6 him a link really quick.

7 **MS. MILLER:** Great. Thank you, guys. So we're just
8 going to recess for two minutes, Ms. Davies and Mr.
9 Muratsuchi. Our apologies and our deepest condolences to
10 Juan, and we are really, really sorry.

11 (Pause)

12 **MR. WATANABE:** Okay. I just sent the email. Make
13 sure you got it. Yeah. We're on hold for you. It's all
14 right. They know you're on here working on it.

15 It's a -- I got abel.guillen, G-U-I-L-E-N, at sb --
16 oh.

17 **MS. MILLER:** Mr. Watanabe -- oh. There you go.
18 You're muted.

19 (Pause)

20 **MR. WATANABE:** Okay. We're good. Abel's here.

21 **MS. MILLER:** Thank you. Mr. Guillen, thank you so
22 much for joining us. Our deepest condolences to Mr.
23 Mireles and his family. And we are -- if you could just
24 note Mr. Guillen's presence, please, Ms. Rosenheimer.

25 And we will go ahead. I will move the minutes from

1 our March 22nd meeting. May I have a second, please?

2 **MR. MURATSUCHI:** Second.

3 **MS. MILLER:** Thank you, Mr. Muratsuchi.

4 Secretary, will you please call the roll on the
5 minutes?

6 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Yes. Assemblymember Muratsuchi.

7 **MR. MURATSUCHI:** Aye.

8 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Assemblymember Davies.

9 Assemblymember Davies?

10 **MS. MILLER:** Ms. Davies, are you able to hear us?

11 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Assemblymember Davies, are you
12 able to hear us?

13 **MS. MILLER:** Okay. Well, we have a quorum, so let's
14 just --

15 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Okay.

16 **MS. MILLER:** We'll let Ms. Davies add on.

17 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Okay. Mr. Guillen.

18 **MR. GUILLEN:** Thank you.

19 **MS. MILLER:** Thank you, Mr. Guillen. We're actually
20 voting on the minutes now.

21 **MR. GUILLEN:** I'm so sorry. Aye.

22 **MS. MILLER:** Thank you. No worries. Thank you for
23 joining. And again, our condolences to Juan's family.

24 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Mr. Smith?

25 **MR. SMITH:** Aye.

1 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Director Lasso?

2 **MS. LASSO:** Aye.

3 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** And Madam Chair.

4 **MS. MILLER:** Aye. The minutes will be on call.

5 Ms. Davies, are you able to hear us?

6 Okay. With that, we will move quickly to the

7 consent calendar. I will move approval of the consent

8 calendar. May we have a second, please?

9 **MR. MURATSUCHI:** Second.

10 **MS. MILLER:** Thank you, Mr. Muratsuchi. We have a

11 motion and a second on the consent calendar.

12 Secretary, will you please call the roll on that?

13 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Absolutely. Assemblymember

14 Muratsuchi.

15 **MR. MURATSUCHI:** Aye.

16 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Assemblymember Davies.

17 **MS. DAVIES:** (No audible response).

18 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Mr. Guillen.

19 **MR. GUILLEN:** Aye.

20 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Mr. Smith.

21 **MR. SMITH:** Aye.

22 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Director Lasso.

23 **MS. LASSO:** Aye.

24 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Madam Chair.

25 **MS. MILLER:** Aye. That will also be on call until

1 we hear -- until Ms. Davies is able to come online.

2 Did we lose Ms. Davies?

3 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** It appears so.

4 **MS. MILLER:** Hm. Mr. Muratsuchi, are you on the
5 floor, sir? I'm so sorry to ask you to do this.

6 **MR. MURATSUCHI:** I will check.

7 **MS. MILLER:** Thank you. Okay. We're going to give
8 it one more minute, and then we may end up rescheduling
9 our meeting, Lisa.

10 **MS. SILVERMAN:** Do you want to have Barbara start
11 with the presentation?

12 **MS. MILLER:** I just don't want -- especially because
13 it's an appeal, I just am afraid -- I just want to make
14 sure the members hear everything. But what do you think?
15 Should we start with the appeal?

16 Both of these appeals have a staff recommendation,
17 so.

18 **MS. SILVERMAN:** I think so. Just --

19 **MS. MILLER:** All right.

20 **MS. SILVERMAN:** -- hopefully, we can get folks back
21 in the room.

22 **MS. MILLER:** All right.

23 **MS. KAMPMEINART:** Okay. So I'll start with the
24 Brawley appeal on page 141 of the agenda if that's okay.

25 **MS. MILLER:** Please. It looks like we're getting

1 Ms. Davies back.

2 Ms. Davies, can you hear us?

3 **MS. DAVIES:** I can. Thanks.

4 **MS. MILLER:** Great. Thank you. How do you vote on
5 the minutes?

6 **MS. DAVIES:** Aye.

7 **MS. MILLER:** And the consent calendar?

8 **MS. DAVIES:** Aye.

9 **MS. MILLER:** Great. Thank you. So both the minutes
10 and the consent calendar are adopted. And now, we are
11 going to move to our first appeal, the Brawley Elementary
12 School District. And we're going to keep these short for
13 our members. Thank you so much for helping us get a
14 quorum.

15 Ms. Kampmeinart, if you don't mind, just because
16 these both have staff recommendations just really being
17 brief in your presentation.

18 **MS. KAMPMEINERT:** Yep. Absolutely.

19 **MS. MILLER:** Thank you.

20 **MS. KAMPMEINERT:** Brawley's appeal is related to a
21 change of scope request for a project at the La Paloma
22 Middle School. And the essence of it is that they needed
23 to remove the gymnasium building due to the bids coming
24 in to fund the project with the gymnasium included. The
25 District intends to take care of adding the gymnasium at

1 a later date with local funds.

2 When we have change of scopes, we run them through a
3 standard process to make sure that basically everything
4 is okay from a project standpoint. With this project,
5 the project is basically the same as what was originally
6 approved by the Board. It still meets all requirements
7 for having agency approvals in place.

8 It meets the 60 percent requirement. And there is
9 an attachment to this item that includes a slight funding
10 reduction for site development grants that the District
11 will no longer need because there is no gymnasium being
12 constructed.

13 We don't feel there's any issues of line jumping,
14 and essentially, we think that the Board should approve
15 this items so that the District can move forward and
16 construct the rest of the new campus. And they are
17 available on the call if there are questions as well.

18 **MS. MILLER:** Great. Thank you very much. Is anyone
19 here from -- I understand that the superintendent, Ms.
20 Rauna Fox, would like to address the appeal. If you'd
21 like to go briefly, please, Superintendent.

22 **MS. FOX:** Yes. Thank you, Madam Chairman. My name
23 is Rauna Fox. I'm the superintendent for Brawley
24 Elementary School District. And as many of you are
25 probably aware, Brawley is a very small school district

1 located in the southeastern corner of California in
2 Imperial County.

3 The last time the Brawley community gathered for
4 groundbreaking of a new school was in 1958. The November
5 2022 groundbreaking for the District's new middle school
6 was very meaningful as the District's schools are the
7 cornerstone of our small, tight knit community.

8 We would like to thank the Office of Public School
9 Construction, California Department of Education, and the
10 State Allocation Board members for their support and
11 assistance in securing state funds in support of this
12 change of scope appeal being presented today. Thank you.

13 **MS. MILLER:** Great. Thank you so much. Any
14 questions? And I love Brawley. I spend time there.
15 It's -- this is a meaningful one for me as well. Any
16 public comment? Anyone else wishing to comment?

17 Seeing none, I will move to approve the District's
18 appeal request. May we have a second?

19 **MR. GUILLEN:** (No audible response).

20 **MS. MILLER:** Thank you, Mr. Guillen.

21 May we take the role, please?

22 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Absolutely. Assemblymember
23 Muratsuchi.

24 **MR. MURATSUCHI:** Aye.

25 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Assemblymember Davies.

1 **MS. DAVIES:** Aye.

2 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Mr. Guillen.

3 **MR. GUILLEN:** Aye.

4 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Mr. Smith.

5 **MR. SMITH:** Aye.

6 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Director Lasso.

7 **MS. LASSO:** Aye.

8 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** And Madam Chair.

9 **MS. MILLER:** Aye. The appeal is approved. Thank
10 you again, Superintendent Fox. And congratulations. And
11 please let us know if (indiscernible) --

12 **MS. FOX:** Thank you. On -- on behalf of the Board
13 administration and community here in Brawley, we
14 appreciate your support.

15 **MS. MILLER:** We appreciate you.

16 And Ms. Davies and Mr. Muratsuchi, let Mr. Garcia
17 know that we just approved the appeal while you're there
18 on the floor. Amazing community. Thank you.

19 And next, we'll move to the Livingston Union
20 Elementary School District appeal, please, Ms.
21 Kampmeinart.

22 **MS. KAMPMEINERT:** Thank you. Yes. This appeal is
23 for Livingston Union, located in Merced. This is also a
24 very small school district. This relates to a full-day
25 kindergarten program application out of our original

1 funds source for the full-day kindergarten program from
2 the '18/'19 budget axe.

3 And this comes down to an issue of timelines. So
4 the District was awarded an apportionment from the Board
5 back in May of 2021. With this program, when the
6 District is awarded an apportionment and they have not
7 yet obtained approvals from DSA and the Department of
8 Education, then they have twelve months to come in with
9 those approvals and to be under contract to finalize the
10 project and request the release of funds.

11 As we all know, that time period falls right still
12 in the midst of the pandemic. So the District did
13 experience some challenges at the local level when it
14 came to being able to move this forward -- this project
15 forward. There were some supply chain issues. They had
16 a key staff member that was unavailable. And as an end
17 result, the project did not move forward.

18 I will also add that OPSC did not send reminder
19 letters, and so there could have been an opportunity for
20 additional outreach there, but that did not happen.

21 Typically, when we are looking at these, we are very
22 serious about the deadlines. They're obviously
23 important. But I would like to point out that this time
24 frame, we had regulations in place where the executive
25 officer could extend regulatory deadlines for COVID

1 reasons. And we did have many Districts that -- many,
2 many Districts that took advantage of being able to use
3 those regulations extensions.

4 And unfortunately, this -- we did not know that the
5 District was experiencing challenges and the District had
6 not submitted an extension request through that process.
7 And now, as we've shared months back, the emergency for
8 COVID had ended, so we were not able to administratively
9 extend the deadlines on this project.

10 But we would have if that had been something that
11 had come to us during that time period. So it was very
12 similar to other Districts that were going through the
13 same thing at similar time frames.

14 The other piece that I would like to share. So the
15 District has actually made progress on this project.
16 They have -- this is not a case where they didn't take
17 any steps to move forward. They actually have DSA
18 approval. They have attained SBE approval as well.

19 They actually have started the project. The
20 foundation is poured. The project is underway. So they
21 are moving forward on this much-needed project.

22 And also one of the other factors that did really
23 weigh heavily on OPSC's recommendation is that we are at
24 the very last date for the ability to use the funding
25 that was provided for this program from '18/'19. So we

1 have this funding encumbered.

2 The District still has an apportionment that has not
3 yet been rescinded, but we have to release the funds to
4 the district before June 30th of this year or the funding
5 will revert back to the general fund.

6 We will not be able to use it for other Districts
7 that have applied to this program. And as we've shared,
8 that this program has been oversubscribed each time we've
9 gone out with funding rounds. So there is definitely a
10 need for these classrooms.

11 So we do believe that the Board should support the
12 District's request to extend the timeline on their
13 apportionment. The timeline extension will not be long.
14 It has to be by June 30th because that is the last
15 possible date that we can do that.

16 And we have confidence that the District will be
17 able to meet those deadlines because they have already
18 shared with us where they're at with the approval process
19 and the contracting process. So if the Board is
20 supportive, the District will be able to move forward and
21 finalize this and complete the construction of the
22 school.

23 If the Board is supportive of this appeal, we have
24 also attached a funding shell to this item that includes
25 the removal of sprinkler grants because the District did

1 not end up needing to design those into the project. So
2 that funding needs to be removed. And so we're taking
3 care of presenting that at the same time, given the short
4 time frames for the project.

5 And with that, the District is available and on the
6 call for questions and comments.

7 **MS. MILLER:** Great. Thank you so much. Welcome,
8 Superintendent Zamora. Do you want to offer some brief
9 comments?

10 MR. ZAMORA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Yes. Hi. My
11 name is Andres Zamora, superintendent of the Livingston
12 Union School District. And I wanted to take a moment to
13 thank the State Allocation Board for considering this
14 appeal. It's an important project, a high-need community
15 and a high-need school for this kind of facility.

16 I also want to thank the Office of -- the OPSC
17 office, CDE. They were very helpful throughout this
18 whole process in the appeal and in the -- and the working
19 out the issues. We really appreciate that as a small
20 district. Thank you.

21 **MS. MILLER:** Great. Thank you. Any public comment?
22 Anyone wishing to comment for any reason on the appeal
23 from Livingston Union? You can use the raise hand
24 feature.

25 Seeing none, may we have a motion to adopt the staff

1 recommendation to approve the appeal?

2 **MR. GUILLEN:** I'd like to move approval of the staff
3 recommendation.

4 **MS. MILLER:** Thank you, Mr. Guillen. And I --

5 **MR. SMITH:** I'll second it.

6 **MS. MILLER:** Oh. Thank you very much, Mr. Smith.
7 Will you take the role, please?

8 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Absolutely. Assemblymember
9 Muratsuchi.

10 **MR. MURATSUCHI:** Aye.

11 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Assemblymember Davies.

12 **MS. DAVIES:** Aye.

13 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Mr. Mireles. Mr. Guillen.

14 **MR. GUILLEN:** Aye.

15 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Mr. Smith.

16 **MR. SMITH:** Aye.

17 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Director Lasso.

18 **MS. LASSO:** Aye.

19 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** And Madam Chair.

20 **MS. MILLER:** Aye. That appeal is also approved.

21 Thank you, Superintendent Zamora, for being here. Again,
22 appreciate all the work we've done to make sure that this
23 high-need school gets funded.

24 **MR. ZAMORA:** Thank you.

25 **MS. MILLER:** With that, we are almost done, members.

1 We just want to do a quick check on our 90-day workload
2 and make sure that nobody missed any votes from Ms.
3 Rosenheimer.

4 Ms. Silverman, any?

5 **MS. SILVERMAN:** Yeah. Any questions about the 90-
6 day workload? If not, I'll hand it back over.

7 **MS. MILLER:** Great. Any public comment on the
8 workload? Anyone wishing to comment for any reason?
9 Seeing none, anything you need, Ms. Rosenheimer, in terms
10 of votes?

11 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Yes. I need a -- we did get a
12 present from Mr. Guillen, but we got it when we were
13 doing the consent.

14 So official present, Mr. Guillen?

15 **MR. GUILLEN:** Present.

16 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** Great.

17 **MS. MILLER:** And --

18 **MS. ROSENHEIMER:** And I believe we got
19 Assemblymember Davies on the minutes after the fact.

20 **MS. MILLER:** Great. Thank you. Deep, deep
21 apologies for this hearing. Our deepest condolences for
22 Mr. Mireles, our most stalwart board member who is always
23 here on time.

24 And really grateful, Mr. Guillen, that you were able
25 to show up. So please accept our apologies for taking a

1 little bit longer than we hoped. Thank you,
2 Assemblymembers, for showing up. It's really important.
3 And as you heard, we needed to get these funds out the
4 door.

5 So thank you, everyone. Have a great day and take
6 care. Bye-bye.

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