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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
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1 APPEARANCES: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

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3 GAYLE MILLER, Chief Deputy Director, Policy,

4 Department of Finance, designated representative for

5 Joe Stephenshaw, Director, Department of Finance

6 ANA LASSO, Director, Department of General

7 Services

8 JEREMY SMITH, Appointee of Gavin Newsom, Governor

9 of the State of California

10 JUAN MIRELES, Director, School Facilities and

11 Transportation Services Division, California

12 Department of Education, designated representative for

13 Tony Thurmond, Superintendent of Public Instruction

14 SENATOR SCOTT WILK

15 SENATOR JOSH NEWMAN

16 ASSEMBLY MEMBER AL MURATSUCHI

17 ASSEMBLY MEMBER LAURIE DAVIES

18 ASSEMBLY MEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ

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20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE ALLOCATION BOARD/OFFICE

21 OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PRESENT:

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23 LISA SILVERMAN, Executive Officer

24 MICHAEL WATANABE, Deputy Executive Officer

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1 unfortunately, you will not be able to provide public
2 comment.

3 So, before we begin, I would love to welcome
4 Assembly Member David Alvarez, who, thank you so much
5 for being here.

6 >> **DAVID ALVAREZ:** Thank you.

7 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** Who was appointed to the State
8 Allocation Board to replace Assembly Member Mia Bonta
9 and Assembly Member Alvarez represents the 80th
10 Assembly District in San Diego County.

11 So we're thrilled to have you.

12 And you are here on a very special day.

13 To --

14 [Applause]

15 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** It is Lisa Silverman's last.

16 So it is, hopefully will be a special start for
17 you, but bittersweet as well.

18 With that, Ms. Jones, will you call the roll,
19 please?

20 >> **MS. JONES:** Certainly.

21 Senator Wilk.

22 >> **SENATOR WILK:** Present.

23 >> **MS. JONES:** Senator Laird.

24 Senator Newman.

1 >> **SENATOR NEWMAN:** Here.

2 >> **MS. JONES:** Assembly Member Muratsuchi.

3 >> **ASSEMBLY MEMBER MURATSUCHI:** Here.

4 >> **MS. JONES:** Assembly Member Davies.

5 >> **ASSEMBLY MEMBER DAVIES:** Here.

6 >> **MS. JONES:** Assembly Member Alvarez.

7 >> **ASSEMBLY MEMBER ALVAREZ:** Present.

8 >> **MS. JONES:** Juan Mireles.

9 >> **JUAN MIRELES:** Here.

10 >> **MS. JONES:** Jeremy Smith.

11 >> **JEREMY SMITH:** Here.

12 >> **MS. JONES:** Ana Lasso.

13 >> **ANA LASSO:** Here.

14 >> Gayle Miller.

15 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** Here.

16 We have a quorum.

17 Thanks, everyone, for being here.

18 So before we start with our agenda items, we're

19 going to take a few moments to thank our amazing

20 Executive Officer, Lisa Silverman.

21 And we will present her with a resolution, which

22 we have here.

23 Right, Ms. Jones?

24 Yay.

1 So the, I think I said this when Ms. Silverman
2 announced her retirement.

3 But it is the dedication and the servant
4 leadership that Ms. Silverman has provided the State
5 of California is truly second to none.

6 I know many of you are here to acknowledge it.

7 And it is truly an honor that I get to be Chair.

8 But it's really just standing on top of the
9 shoulders of the 39 years of service you've presented.

10 So you want to come up here?

11 Oh, really.

12 Let's stay up here too.

13 So it is -- can you guys all see it?

14 Oh, sorry.

15 So Ms. Silverman's longstanding public service
16 career has been with several state departments.

17 But for the last 17 years, you've been at home
18 with us at the Office of Public School Construction.

19 You were appointed as the Acting Executive
20 Officer of OPSC and the SAB in January of 2010.

21 And received the Governor's appointment as the
22 Executive Officer in March of 2012.

23 And tomorrow is your retirement date?

24 **>> LISA SILVERMAN:** Yes.

1 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** Thirty-nine years.

2 [Applause]

3 >> **LISA SILVERMAN:** Thank you so much.

4 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** So I'm going to read just a
5 little bit because 39 years deserves a lot more than
6 this.

7 Here, I'll hold it.

8 I'm not sure I can do all of this at once, but
9 I'll try.

10 So you were instrumental in the implementation of
11 Prop 51 and the Grant Agreement document.

12 You were a visionary for the online application
13 database system, known as OPSC online.

14 Working collaboratively with the U.S. Department
15 of Defense and helping school districts with schools
16 on California military bases secure school facility
17 program funding for new construction and/or
18 modernization of these schools and the small school
19 district outreach that concentrated on visits to small
20 school districts to help them navigate the application
21 process for the various programs under the school
22 facility's program.

23 And you also helped develop the priorities and
24 funding process in 2010, whereby projects would

1 receive an unfunded approval first before converting
2 the unfunded approval into cash.

3 You streamlined the internal and external process
4 for financial hardship requests.

5 And when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, regulations
6 were processed that allowed the position of the
7 executive officer emergency powers to grant requests
8 to school districts that encounter problems, meeting
9 the school facility program and full-day kindergarten
10 program deadlines.

11 So your apportionments and unfunded approvals are
12 over -- drum roll -- \$15.869 billion, representing
13 4884 projects.

14 All of you that have students learning in the new
15 classrooms should thank Ms. Silverman for the program.

16 And 683.3 million, 205 school districts for a
17 total of 857 preschool, transitional kindergarten, and
18 full-day kindergarten classrooms under the preschool
19 transitional kindergarten and full-day kindergarten
20 facilities grant program.

21 And 236.69 million for the implementation of the
22 regional K-16 education collaborative grant program.

1 So these words and numbers do not express our
2 deep gratitude because it's the service, it's the
3 integrity, it's the character, the compassion.

4 I think all of you here will stand in testimony
5 that the state is a better place.

6 Our students get to learn in safe environments.

7 School districts, whether they are small or
8 large, in red or blue parts of our state have been
9 served, have been treated with respect.

10 And all of us here can only hope to emulate your
11 service and your kindness and your incredible
12 character.

13 >> **LISA SILVERMAN:** Thank you.

14 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** A small, small token of our
15 appreciation.

16 [Applause]

17 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** Thank you.

18 >> One more year.

19 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** So I don't know if anybody else
20 wants to say anything briefly about Ms. Silverman.

21 >> **ANA LASSO:** I certainly would.

22 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** Thank you, Ms. Lasso.

23 >> **ANA LASSO:** Lisa, I had the privilege of having
24 you be a part of our team.

1 I don't think there are enough words to express
2 how much you will be missed at DGS in our
3 organization.

4 And so, it's just bittersweet that we're -- we --
5 our overlap was pretty short, but I am very, very
6 happy that we -- I got to know you and work with you.

7 And I think that you know the resolution said a
8 lot.

9 But what folks here in this forum don't know is
10 just how incredibly wonderful you are just here in the
11 building and with the team.

12 And getting to know your team really taught me a
13 lot about who you are.

14 Because your team shines because of you and your
15 leadership, so thank you for that.

16 Thank you.

17 >> **LISA SILVERMAN:** Thank you, Director Lasso.

18 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** Anybody else?

19 Well, there will be lots of time to celebrate
20 Lisa.

21 We're meeting at Smic's for anyone that wants to
22 join us on K Street at 5:30.

23 So thank you to Anna for putting it all together.

24 And we would love to see you there.

1 So lots to celebrate.

2 And it's very casual, no program, just an
3 opportunity to raise a glass and appreciate Lisa's
4 incredible service and maybe a moment of mourning too
5 for the loss.

6 Oh, please.

7 Yes, please.

8 **>> ALAN REISING:** I was waiting for everyone to
9 have their turn.

10 **>> CHAIR MILLER:** Oh, no, I appreciate that.

11 Let me see if there are any other committee
12 members before we turn to folks in the room?

13 No.

14 Okay.

15 Please go ahead, sir, if you don't mind just
16 stating your name for the record.

17 **>> ALAN REISING:** Thank you.

18 My name is Alan Reising.

19 I'm the current chair for the Coalition for
20 Adequate School Housing (CASH).

21 So I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment
22 and acknowledge the decades of work and collaboration
23 that we've worked with Lisa and her group and her

1 leadership of the Office of Public School
2 Construction.

3 You know, almost 40 years of service to the state
4 of California.

5 And just wanted to really reflect on the hundreds
6 of thousands of student lives that you positively
7 impacted across the state with classrooms and
8 buildings and services and programs that you have been
9 instrumental in.

10 From my district and from the folks that I
11 represent in CASH, I want to thank you for that
12 working relationship and being able to work through
13 sometimes some difficult questions, right?

14 And work through some great programs and come up
15 with some wonderful, unique solutions across-the-
16 board.

17 So really truly appreciated working with you.

18 I appreciate what you brought to the table.

19 And you are going to be greatly missed as we move
20 forward.

21 **>> LISA SILVERMAN:** Thank you.

22 **>> ALAN REISING:** I wish you nothing but the best
23 in what life brings you in the future.

24 So thank you for your years.

1 >> **LISA SILVERMAN:** Thank you very much.

2 [Applause]

3 >> We have a hand raised.

4 Cornelius Burke.

5 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** Oh, hi, Mr. Burke, please.

6 We're going to unmute you, if you want to come

7 off camera too.

8 >> **CORNELIUS BURKE:** Good afternoon, everybody.

9 Cornelius Burke, with the California Building

10 Industry Association.

11 First want to echo the remarks of CASH and thank

12 Lisa for her service to the great state of California.

13 It's a great partnership between builders,

14 education community and the state.

15 The great communities equal great schools.

16 Thank you, Lisa, for your dedication and

17 commitment to public service.

18 Thank you so much.

19 >> **LISA SILVERMAN:** Thank you.

20 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** Thank you.

21 Anybody else?

22 >> **ASSEMBLY MEMBER MURATSUCHI:** Madam Chair?

23 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** Please, Mr. Muratsuchi.

24 >> **ASSEMBLY MEMBER MURATSUCHI:** Thank you.

1 This is Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi.

2 Thank you for the opportunity to appear
3 virtually.

4 I feel like I haven't been around long enough to
5 truly appreciate all the enormous contributions of
6 Lisa Silverman to the State of California.

7 I know my father almost served the United States
8 Department of Defense for almost 40 years.

9 So I can appreciate that time period that Lisa
10 has devoted to the state of California.

11 So I just want to say thank you, Lisa, for
12 everything that you've done for the state.

13 **>> LISA SILVERMAN:** Thank you.

14 **>> CHAIR MILLER:** Thank you, Mr. Muratsuchi.

15 Anybody else?

16 I want -- Mr. Mireles, yes, please, go ahead.

17 A protégé of Lisa's that we're also grateful for.

18 **>> JUAN MIRELES:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

19 Lisa, congratulations.

20 You already know how much you mean to me.

21 You've accomplished a lot as an executive
22 officer, as a professional, as a woman, and most
23 importantly, as a mother.

1 Thank you for everything you've done for me, for
2 the office.

3 We will really miss you.

4 But congratulations, we're excited for you.

5 **>> LISA SILVERMAN:** Thank you, Juan.

6 Thank you.

7 Hermano.

8 **>> CHAIR MILLER:** Great.

9 Anybody else?

10 Thank you all for being here.

11 Just one more year.

12 [Chuckling]

13 **>> CHAIR MILLER:** Well, we hope we have lots of
14 moments to celebrate.

15 And again, Lisa, we're so grateful.

16 Thank you very much.

17 **>> LISA SILVERMAN:** Thank you again.

18 **>> CHAIR MILLER:** Okay, so with that, we'll go to
19 the minutes from September 27th.

20 Are there any questions?

21 Public comment?

22 Mr. Watanabe, I don't have my zoom so I can't see
23 the minutes.

24 **>> MICHAEL WATANABE:** Sorry.

1 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** No, okay.
2 Thank you.
3 May we have a motion and a second for the
4 minutes, please.
5 >> **SENATOR WILK:** Moves approval.
6 >> Second.
7 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** Thank you, Ms. Davies.
8 May we take a roll, Ms. Jones, please.
9 >> **MS. JONES:** Sure.
10 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** Thank you.
11 >> Senator Wilk.
12 >> **SENATOR WILK:** Aye.
13 >> **MS. JONES:** Senator Newman.
14 >> **SENATOR NEWMAN:** Aye.
15 >> **MS. JONES:** Assembly Member Muratsuchi.
16 >> **ASSEMBLY MEMBER MURATSUCHI:** Aye.
17 >> **MS. JONES:** Assembly Member Davies.
18 >> **ASSEMBLY MEMBER DAVIES:** Aye.
19 >> **MS. JONES:** Assembly Member Alvarez.
20 >> **ASSEMBLY MEMBER ALVAREZ:** I'm not voting.
21 >> **MS. JONES:** Juan Mireles.
22 >> **JUAN MIRELES:** Aye.
23 >> **MS. JONES:** Jeremy Smith.
24 >> **JEREMY SMITH:** Aye.

1 >> **MS. JONES:** Ana Lasso.

2 >> **ANA LASSO:** Aye.

3 >> **MS. JONES:** Gayle Miller.

4 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** Aye.

5 The minutes are adopted.

6 Next we'll move to the executive officer
7 statement.

8 >> **LISA SILVERMAN:** Yes, a few announcements
9 tonight.

10 I would like to share that we have the priority
11 funding apportionments that is also part of the
12 consent agenda.

13 And we have \$167.2 million in projects.

14 That 167 million available for projects to be
15 funded and that comes from the fall bond sale.

16 So great news for those who are going to receive
17 the apportionments.

18 And just a reminder that you have a March 4th,
19 2024, a deadline to remit your documentation into our
20 office at OPSC.

21 And again, remember, that's the fund release
22 documents and any contractual and other relevant
23 information.

1 So please submit that to our office because we
2 definitely want to award your cash.

3 And then the other reminder is also part of the
4 consent agenda, we also wanted to share with the board
5 that we are awarding \$28.8 million and that represents
6 seven projects.

7 And that will be also part of the consent.

8 And that represents the 367 million that was
9 available for this last filing round.

10 As we all know, these funds are oversubscribed.

11 So we had almost \$1.5 billion that came in with
12 applications.

13 And again, we will hold these remaining
14 applications and if there is additional funds that
15 come in, then we will actually be able to award
16 additional projects.

17 But we also have a deadline where those
18 applications will be returned.

19 And then our next meeting is January 24th, at 4:00
20 p.m.

21 More to be announced as far as the time -- the
22 location, excuse me.

23 And then if the board would just indulge me for a
24 few minutes.

1 I would like to say thank you.

2 Yes, especially with wholehearted thanks to the
3 prior administrations and of course the current
4 administration, Governor Newsom, and the numerous
5 chairs that I had the benefit of working with at the
6 Department of Finance.

7 And Gayle, you are platinum, honey.

8 You are platinum.

9 And the many State Allocation Board members and
10 again, of course the many directors at DGS as well,
11 school districts and legislative members for
12 entrusting my leadership ability to ensure that the
13 school facility program and all the program grants
14 that we administer, including the transitional
15 kindergarten and full-day kindergarten was
16 appropriately and effectively administered and
17 disbursed.

18 But as Gayle mentioned, the streamlining process,
19 I have lots of things to be proud of.

20 And I appreciate what she shared earlier.

21 But I know I walked in the door 17 years ago and
22 my focus was really on fiscal services.

23 But I actually had an opportunity to start there
24 in my audit role.

1 But we did a lot of streamlining and I was really
2 proud of that.

3 Also, proud of the K-12 audit guide that we have.

4 And then the full-day kindergarten K-12 audit
5 guide, full-day kindergarten audit guide as well.

6 But again, a lot of this couldn't happen without
7 the value that you all built and entrusted me to
8 develop key relationships with our stakeholders and
9 conducting numerous site visits, attending
10 groundbreaking ceremonies and ribbon cutting events as
11 well as providing important outreach statewide.

12 Each visit gave me a different perspective of the
13 greater understanding of the importance of having
14 quality educational facilities that meets the needs of
15 California children and public education.

16 These opportunities again forged invaluable
17 relationships and as we mentioned, billions of
18 dollars.

19 If I combine that together and do my math, it's
20 over \$16 billion combined for the school facility
21 program and the other program grants.

22 Again, building trust together and strong
23 collaboration, integrity, accountability, transparency

1 and this is ensuring with the public that the funds
2 are being disbursed equitably and have great outcomes.

3 And this grant process meets platinum standards.

4 And from my team and my family at OPSC, thank you
5 for your unwavering support and the accomplishments
6 with what always seemed an impossible task and deliver
7 excellent outcomes.

8 I have the utmost respect for the dedication,
9 creativity, commitment, perseverance, and appreciate
10 them for being part of my journey.

11 Because for your commitment has made a big
12 difference in California school children and the
13 investment in public school education.

14 Thank you, Mr. Mireles, for being there, being
15 part of our team.

16 Thanks to Ms. Barbara Kampmeinert, Rick Asbell,
17 Sue Reese, Brian LaPask, Josh Potter.

18 Michael Watanabe, I'm sitting right here.

19 Michael, Paula Felseghi, again, I think I
20 mentioned Josh Potter, Tracy Sharp, the crew at
21 Department of Finance, and the K-12 budget folks.

22 And Chris Ferguson, thank you for being there
23 supporting us over the years.

1 My journey started as a student assistant, a
2 single mother, and as a college freshman at Franchise
3 Tax Board.

4 And 39 years of service as the longest serving
5 executive officer for 14 years and the second female
6 executive officer and the only Latinx female executive
7 officer.

8 In closing, I dedicate the 39 years to my three
9 sons Robert Unzueta, Chris Unzueta, and Shaun
10 Silverman, and my husband Scott Silverman, who have
11 been my motivation.

12 And without their support, this career wouldn't
13 have been possible.

14 They endured my many nights of travel as I was
15 performing tax audits out of state, in state, and
16 performing tax hearing appeals.

17 And of course in my current role going to various
18 school sites, and important meetings as we call it,
19 doing our service.

20 And thank you for the love and encouragement that
21 you provided me each and every day.

22 And I'm looking forward to the next chapter and
23 exciting things I have in my family.

1 And this includes my two lovely daughters-in-law,
2 Brenda and Maricella and my beautiful five
3 grandchildren.

4 And be committed to spending my time doing
5 charitable causes and I look forward to that next
6 chapter.

7 So thank you for indulging.

8 **>> CHAIR MILLER:** Thank you.

9 That was beautiful.

10 And of course, none of this would be possible
11 without Ms. Jones.

12 >> And Ms. Jones, of course.

13 **>> CHAIR MILLER:** We really appreciate you, Lisa.

14 And hopefully we can put your comments on the
15 website.

16 Because I think it's just such a testament to
17 service and for what we can accomplish.

18 And also quite frankly, for the incredible
19 trajectory and what a huge inspiration for your
20 grandkids.

21 So next, the consent calendar.

22 **>> LISA SILVERMAN:** Consent is ready for your
23 approval.

1 And as part of that, we just want to remind the
2 board that we have over \$640.2 million that is tucked
3 away in the consent agenda, that includes the priority
4 funding apportionments.

5 We have the full day kinder program grants as
6 well, and we have \$80 million in unfunded approvals as
7 part of that.

8 We do have one item that we also want to ensure
9 that it's not part of the priorities of funding action
10 item.

11 So we have a withdrawal request from San
12 Bernardino city for the application number 57/67876-
13 00-019.

14 That's on page 305.

15 So that would be withdrawn from the agenda.

16 With that, we seek your approval.

17 **>> CHAIR MILLER:** Great.

18 Thank you.

19 Any questions from the board or public comments?

20 So we're approving the consent agenda.

21 Oh, sorry.

22 Just super briefly, we're approving the consent
23 agenda.

1 I'm hoping we can approve it with the two action
2 items at the same time as the consent approval.

3 And just to note one more time that San
4 Bernardino City Unified has requested that application
5 number -- I hope I'm not expected to read this --
6 57/67876-00-019 on stamped page 305, will be withdrawn
7 from the agenda today.

8 So with that and those two action items, is there
9 a motion for approval?

10 >> **ASSEMBLY MEMBER MURATSUCHI:** So moved.

11 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** Great, thank you,
12 Mr. Muratsuchi.

13 I will second.

14 May we take the roll please.

15 >> **MS. JONES:** Certainly.

16 Senator Wilk.

17 >> **SENATOR WILK:** Aye.

18 >> **MS. JONES:** Senator Newman.

19 >> **SENATOR NEWMAN:** Aye.

20 >> **MS. JONES:** Assembly Member Muratsuchi.

21 >> **ASSEMBLY MEMBER MURATSUCHI:** Aye.

22 >> **MS. JONES:** Assembly Member Davies.

23 >> **ASSEMBLY MEMBER DAVIES:** Aye.

24 >> **MS. JONES:** Assembly Member Alvarez.

1 >> **ASSEMBLY MEMBER ALVAREZ:** Aye.

2 >> **MS. JONES:** Juan Mireles.

3 >> **JUAN MIRELES:** Aye.

4 >> **MS. JONES:** Jeremy Smith.

5 >> **JEREMY SMITH:** Aye.

6 >> **MS. JONES:** Ana Lasso.

7 >> **ANA LASSO:** Aye.

8 >> **MS. JONES:** Gayle Miller.

9 >> **CHAIR MILLER:** Aye.

10 The consent agenda and two action items are
11 approved.

12 Next, we will move to the financial reports,
13 please.

14 >> **LISA SILVERMAN:** Yes.

15 The financial reports, we have on page stamped
16 272, the status of the fund releases.

17 We just wanted to highlight to the board that we
18 had \$87.6 million of funds released to districts.

19 And another \$87.8 million in October.

20 So that is great news for the program.

21 So our districts are accessing the program cash.

22 And then, the next item is on 274.

23 And that's a status of funds.

1 And with that acknowledgment that we had over
2 \$640.2 million, the board just approved.

3 And it's reflected in the status of funds.

4 With that I would open to any questions that the
5 board may have.

6 **>> CHAIR MILLER:** Any questions?

7 Any public comment?

8 So then we're moving on.

9 Our consent agenda included the priority funding
10 school construction apportionments, right?

11 >> Correct.

12 **>> CHAIR MILLER:** And the preschool transitional
13 kindergarten?

14 >> Correct.

15 **>> CHAIR MILLER:** Great.

16 So then our last item of business is the 90-day
17 workload.

18 **>> LISA SILVERMAN:** We have the 90-day workload
19 and the appeals log and the board meeting dates
20 available for you, if anyone has any questions.

21 **>> CHAIR MILLER:** Great.

22 With that, any final public comments?

23 Any board members wishing to comment for any
24 reason?

1 With that, we will adjourn in honor of Ms. Lisa
2 Silverman in deep gratitude for your years of service.
3 Thank you.
4 [Applause]

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