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CALIFORNIA STATE ALLOCATION BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING
(TELECONFERENCE)

EAST END COMPLEX AUDITORIUM
1500 CAPITOL AVENUE
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

1 APPEARANCES: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

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3 MICHELE PERRAULT, Chief Deputy Director, Policy,
4 designated representative for Joe Stephenshaw, Director,
5 Department of Finance

6 ANA LASSO, Director, Department of General Services
7 (DGS)

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

12 JEREMY SMITH, Governor's Appointee

13 SENATOR ROGER NIELLO

14 ASSEMBLYMEMBER LAURIE DAVIES

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16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE ALLOCATION BOARD / DGS
17 OFFICE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION (OPSC) PRESENT:

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19 REBECCA KIRK, Executive Officer

20 MICHAEL WATANABE, Deputy Executive Officer

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1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DGS, OFFICE OF LEGAL SERVICES:

2 EPHRAIM EGAN

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1 TRANSCRIBED RECORDED PUBLIC MEETING

2 February 25, 2026

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4 [GAVEL]

5 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** All right, good afternoon.

6 The time is 4:05.

7 I'm going to go ahead and call the State Allocation
8 Board meeting to order.

9 The meeting is being held in person at the East End
10 Complex Auditorium at 1500 Capitol Avenue in Sacramento,
11 California, 95814, for anyone who would like to provide
12 public comment in person.

13 This meeting is also being conducted by way of Zoom
14 meeting for members of the public who would like to
15 participate remotely.

16 In order for this meeting to run efficiently for those
17 participating remotely, please note the following
18 guidelines.

19 All attendees will be muted during the meeting.

20 If any member of the public would like to make a
21 comment, please use the raise hand feature in the Zoom
22 meeting interface.

23 I will call your name at the appropriate time, and
24 OPSC staff will request to unmute you.

1 If you're calling into the meeting and not using a
2 computer or the Zoom application on a mobile device, you
3 will be unable to provide public comment.

4 Secondarily, the Board will meet in closed session
5 upon the conclusion of the general meeting pursuant to
6 Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(a) for the purpose of
7 conferring with and receiving advice from legal counsel
8 regarding pending litigation.

9 So with that, we will go ahead and I will turn it to
10 Ms. Jones.

11 Would you please call the roll, noting any members
12 joining us from a remote location.

13 **>> MS. JONES:** Certainly.

14 Senator Laird.

15 Senator Perez.

16 Senator Niello.

17 **>> SENATOR NIELLO:** Here.

18 **>> MS. JONES:** Assemblymember Davies.

19 **>> ASSEMBLYMEMBER DAVIES:** Here.

20 **>> MS. JONES:** Assemblymember Quirk-Silva.

21 Assemblymember Patel.

22 Juan Mireles.

23 **>> JUAN MIRELES:** Here.

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

1 >> **JEREMY SMITH:** Here.

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

3 >> **ANA LASSO:** Here.

4 >> **MS. JONES:** Michele Perrault.

5 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Here.

6 >> **MS. JONES:** We have a quorum.

7 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Okay.

8 Thank you so much.

9 We'll go ahead then and move on to our minutes from

10 the January 28, 2026 meeting.

11 Those can be found on pages 1 -- stamped pages 1-11;

12 is that correct?

13 >> **MS. KIRK:** Yes, Madam Chair, that is correct.

14 I'm pleased to address any questions and request the

15 Board approve the minutes.

16 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Thank you so much.

17 Are there any comments or questions from Board members

18 on the minutes?

19 >> **SENATOR NIELLO:** Just a quick comment from a member

20 who wasn't a member at the time, so I won't be voting on

21 that.

22 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Duly noted.

23 Thank you, Senator.

24 I appreciate that.

1 Are there any public comments on the minutes?

2 Okay, seeing none, is there a motion to approve the

3 minutes from January 28, 2026?

4 **>> ASSEMBLYMEMBER DAVIES:** Motion.

5 **>> CHAIR PERRAULT:** Moved by Assemblymember Davies.

6 **>> JUAN MORALES:** Second.

7 **>> CHAIR PERRAULT:** Seconded by Juan Mireles.

8 If we could please have a roll call.

9 **>> MS. JONES:** Senator Niello.

10 Niello, abstain.

11 Assemblymember Davies.

12 **>> ASSEMBLYMEMBER DAVIES:** Yes.

13 **>> MS. JONES:** Davies, aye.

14 Juan Mireles.

15 **>> JUAN MIRELES:** Aye.

16 **>> MS. JONES:** Mireles, aye.

17 Jeremy Smith.

18 **>> JEREMY SMITH:** Aye.

19 **>> MS. JONES:** Smith, aye.

20 Ana Lasso.

21 **>> ANA LASSO:** Aye.

22 **>> MS. JONES:** Lasso, aye.

23 Michele Perrault.

24 **>> CHAIR PERRAULT:** Aye.

1 >> **MS. JONES:** Perrault, aye.

2 And that motion does not carry until we have another
3 vote.

4 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Okay, so we'll go ahead and just
5 hold that motion open until we receive another member.

6 Okay, with that, we'll go ahead then and move on to
7 the Executive Officer's Statement.

8 >> **MS. KIRK:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

9 The Executive Officer's Statement is on stamped pages
10 12 and 13 of today's agenda.

11 I will touch on the most pertinent updates and note
12 that the printed statement also includes information on the
13 Office of Public School Construction's most recent
14 stakeholder meeting.

15 At its January meeting, the Board approved an upcoming
16 application filing round for the California Preschool,
17 Transitional Kindergarten and Full-Day Kindergarten
18 Facilities Grant Program, with applications to be accepted
19 between April 1st through 30th, 2026.

20 The Office of Public School Construction will host an
21 informational webinar for prospective applicants in
22 conjunction with the California Department of Education,
23 and also including our financial hardship team at the
24 Office of Public School Construction on March 4th, 2026.

1 The Board approved emergency regulatory amendments at
2 its December meeting to implement Proposition 2 provisions
3 for the new Energy Efficiency Supplemental Grant and the
4 Career Technical Education Supplemental Grant.

5 These emergency regulatory amendments were approved by
6 the Office of Administrative Law and became effective on
7 February 17th, 2026.

8 Additionally, during periods of emergency proclaimed
9 by the governor, existing regulations direct the Executive
10 Officer to provide relief to school districts and maintain
11 equitable participation in the Board's programs, which may
12 include extending deadlines.

13 In January 2026, OPSC did receive a one-time extension
14 request related to a state of emergency declared by the
15 governor, which we did approve.

16 The information items section of today's agenda
17 reflects the school district extension request we received
18 in January 2026, the reasons for that request, and the
19 outcome.

20 Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March
21 25th, and I'm pleased to address any questions.

22 **>> CHAIR PERRAULT:** Thank you so much.

23 Are there any comments or questions from the Board for
24 Ms. Kirk?

1 Seeing none, are there any comments or questions from
2 the public?

3 Okay, seeing none, this is not an action item, so
4 we'll go ahead and move on to our next order of business,
5 which is to take up the consent agenda.

6 **>> MS. KIRK:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

7 Our consent agenda today is on stamped pages 14
8 through 158 of the agenda.

9 I'm pleased to address any questions, and I request
10 that the Board approve the consent agenda.

11 **>> CHAIR PERRAULT:** Thank you so much.

12 Comments or questions from the Board regarding the
13 consent agenda?

14 Seeing none, comments or questions from the public?

15 Okay, seeing none, is there a motion to approve the
16 consent agenda?

17 **>> ANA LASSO:** Motion to approve.

18 **>> CHAIR PERRAULT:** Moved by Director Lasso, seconded
19 by Assemblymember Davies.

20 If we could please have a roll call.

21 **>> MS. JONES:** Certainly.

22 Senator Niello.

23 **>> SENATOR NIELLO:** Aye.

24 **>> MS. JONES:** Niello, aye.

1 Assemblymember Davies.

2 >> **ASSEMBLYMEMBER DAVIES:** Aye.

3 >> **MS. JONES:** Davies, aye.

4 Juan Mireles.

5 >> **JUAN MIRELES:** Aye.

6 >> **MS. JONES:** Mireles, aye.

7 Jeremy Smith.

8 >> **JEREMY SMITH:** Aye.

9 >> **MS. JONES:** Smith, aye.

10 Ana Lasso.

11 >> **ANA LASSO:** Aye.

12 >> **MS. JONES:** Lasso, aye.

13 Michele Perrault.

14 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Aye.

15 >> **MS. JONES:** Perrault, aye.

16 And that motion carries.

17 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Thank you so much.

18 We'll go ahead now and move on to our financial

19 reports.

20 >> **MS. KIRK:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

21 The financial reports are on stamped pages 159

22 through 176 of the agenda.

23 I'd be pleased to address any questions.

24 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Thank you so much.

1 Comments or questions regarding the financial reports
2 from the Board?

3 Seeing none, public comments on the financial reports?

4 Okay, seeing none, this is not an action item, so
5 we'll go ahead now and proceed to the first of our action
6 items.

7 And I will turn it back over to staff.

8 Oh, yes.

9 **>> MR. WATANABE:** We are on stamped page 177 of the
10 agenda.

11 This item is to present staff's recommendations for
12 reporting in Transitional Kindergarten as its own grade
13 category in the current new construction enrollment
14 projections on our Form SAB 50-01.

15 This recommendation coincides with the full
16 implementation of TK statewide, as well as with the recent
17 bond authority from Proposition 2.

18 Staff held three stakeholder meetings in 2025.

19 We presented a variety of options to our stakeholders
20 that would make the most sense in presenting TK on our
21 enrollment projections.

22 They are currently adding TK enrollment to the
23 kindergarten projections, which can have a large impact on
24 their five-year enrollment.

1 After the stakeholder meetings, the item what you see
2 in front of you is what staff and stakeholders think best
3 represents the most logical way to present TK in our
4 enrollment projections, and that's as its own line on our
5 enrollment projections as a linear weighted average.

6 In our recommendations, we recommend the Board approve
7 the changes to the Form 50-01 to add that new row into our
8 enrollment projections.

9 You'll see a variety of form changes throughout our
10 regulations where we've updated kindergarten to TK
11 throughout it, and we've also added a grandfathering
12 provision as part of recommendations four through six in
13 the recommendations, and we are recommending the Board
14 approve these on a non-emergency basis.

15 And with that, I can take any questions.

16 **>> CHAIR PERRAULT:** Thank you so much.

17 Comments or questions regarding the proposed
18 regulatory amendments for the School Facilities Program
19 from the Board?

20 Seeing none.

21 Are there any comments or questions from the public?

22 Okay.

23 Seeing none.

24 This is an action item.

1 Is there a motion to approve staff's recommendation?

2 >> **ASSEMBLYMEMBER SMITH:** So moved.

3 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Moved by Member Smith.

4 Is there a second?

5 >> **ASSEMBLYMEMBER DAVIES:** Second.

6 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Seconded by Assemblymember Davies.

7 If we could please have a roll call.

8 >> **MS. JONES:** Senator Niello.

9 >> **SENATOR NIELLO:** Aye.

10 >> **MS. JONES:** Niello, aye.

11 Assemblymember Davies.

12 >> **ASSEMBLYMEMBER DAVIES:** Aye.

13 >> **MS. JONES:** Davies, aye.

14 Juan Mireles.

15 >> **JUAN MIRELES:** Aye.

16 >> **MS. JONES:** Mireles, aye.

17 Jeremy Smith.

18 >> **JEREMY SMITH:** Aye.

19 >> **MS. JONES:** Smith, aye.

20 Ana Lasso.

21 >> **ANA LASSO:** Aye.

22 >> **MS. JONES:** Lasso, aye.

23 Michele Perrault.

24 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Aye.

1 >> **MS. JONES:** Perrault, aye.

2 And that motion carries.

3 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Thank you.

4 We'll go ahead now and move on to our second action
5 item, which is proposed emergency regulatory amendments for
6 the School Facility Program related to small school
7 district programs.

8 And I'll turn it back to staff.

9 >> **MS. KIRK:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

10 This action item begins on stamped page 378 of today's
11 agenda.

12 This item presents the Board with recommendations for
13 the adoption of School Facility Program regulatory
14 amendments on an emergency basis to implement the new Small
15 School District Program established by Proposition 2.

16 This item is the seventh set of proposed regulatory
17 amendments for the Board's consideration to implement
18 provisions of Proposition 2.

19 At its January 2025 meeting, the Board set aside the
20 full 10% of new construction and modernization Bond
21 Authority for the Small School District Program that was
22 authorized by Proposition 2.

23 Specifically, \$330 million is set aside for new
24 construction projects and \$400 million is set aside for

1 modernization projects.

2 In part, the statutes made operative by Proposition 2
3 allow the Board to provide Preliminary Apportionments,
4 Separate Design Grants, Project Assistance Grants, and New
5 Project and Construction Management Grants to small school
6 districts that meet eligibility requirements and have an
7 enrollment of 2,500 or fewer pupils.

8 Under this new program, eligible small school
9 districts will be able to submit a preliminary application
10 to the Board requesting a preliminary apportionment, which
11 is a reservation of Bond Authority for the total estimated
12 state costs of a project in advance of that small school
13 district meeting all of the requirements for an
14 apportionment under the main School Facility Program.

15 Applicants will then have up to four years or five
16 years, if the Board approves a one-year extension, to meet
17 all requirements and submit an application to convert their
18 preliminary apportionment to a full grant, which would be
19 amended to reflect the actual scope of work in the approved
20 plan set.

21 Our office held six stakeholder meetings between
22 February and November 2025, in addition to another meeting
23 in January, to inform development of these proposed
24 regulations.

1 Copies of all of the stakeholder meeting items and
2 stakeholder letters received on this topic are included in
3 today's agenda as Attachment "H".

4 A few key highlights of the proposed regulations for
5 your consideration include that we propose to begin
6 accepting applications for modernization for the Small
7 School District Program on November 2nd, 2026.

8 We also propose to begin accepting new construction
9 applications for the Small School District Program,
10 beginning on January 15th, 2027.

11 The proposed regulations also specify that the
12 processing order for these applications would be in date
13 order received and specify that in the event we receive too
14 many applications on any one day, more than can be funded
15 within available funding for this program, there would be a
16 lottery system to determine which of those applications are
17 prioritized to move forward.

18 Part of why we have suggested in the proposed
19 regulations to begin accepting applications in November and
20 January, respectively, is that we want to ensure that we
21 have robust outreach to the full population of small school
22 districts that could potentially apply for this program in
23 advance of beginning to accept applications.

24 Earlier this week, we announced a series of outreach

1 events that will be held in conjunction with the California
2 Department of Education throughout March and April 2026,
3 throughout locations around the state, including some of
4 the more rural and remote locations where we know there's a
5 concentration of small school districts.

6 We look forward to this outreach in advance of the
7 program opening.

8 Staff's recommendations for this item are shown on
9 stamped page 394 of today's agenda.

10 Specifically, we recommend that the Board adopt the
11 proposed amendments to the School Facility Program
12 regulations, which are shown on Attachment "B", that the
13 Board adopt the proposed application for Small School
14 District Program preliminary apportionment, the Form SAB
15 50-12, proposed on Attachment "C", that the Board adopt
16 proposed amendments to three existing forms, our Fund
17 Release Authorization, Form 50, excuse me, Forms SAB 50-05,
18 the Grant Agreement for Proposition 2 applications, and the
19 application for funding or Form SAB 50-04, which are on
20 Attachments "D", "E", and "F", respectively.

21 And finally, we recommend that the Board authorize us
22 to file the proposed regulatory amendments with the Office
23 of Administrative Law on an emergency basis and
24 subsequently make the regulations permanent.

1 I'm pleased to address any questions.

2 Thank you.

3 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Thank you.

4 Comments or questions from Board members on the item?

5 I'll just note, I appreciate staff's thoughtfulness on
6 this regulation, you know, in putting together the
7 regulatory package.

8 I also appreciate the thoughtfulness that has gone
9 into the outreach.

10 I think, you know, part of this set-aside for small
11 school districts is to really assist some of these smaller
12 districts that are unfamiliar with the process, so I really
13 appreciate that the staff is taking the time to do specific
14 outreach and provide some technical support to those
15 districts.

16 So again, just appreciate that.

17 >> **ANA LASSO:** I'll echo that.

18 I did ask a lot of questions about this item, and I
19 came to find out that we have quite a few districts, over
20 575, I believe, that meet this criteria, and so I think
21 this thoughtfulness and deep dive in trying to address
22 those districts that have less than 2,500 pupils is, you
23 know, a great path that we're on.

24 I really appreciate staff answering all of my follow-

1 up questions, including, you know, what happens with those
2 districts that are just right over that number.

3 So thank you so much for your due diligence and the
4 follow-through, as well as thinking about how to create an
5 opportunity for those districts.

6 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** All right, thank you.

7 Other comments?

8 Okay, do we have any public comments on this item?

9 All right, seeing none.

10 Is there a motion and a second?

11 >> **ANA LASSO:** Motion to approve.

12 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Moved by Director Lasso.

13 Is there a second?

14 Second.

15 Seconded by Member Mireles.

16 If we could please have a roll call.

17 >> **MS. JONES:** Certainly.

18 Senator Niello.

19 >> **SENATOR NIELLO:** Aye.

20 >> **MS. JONES:** Niello, aye.

21 Assemblymember Davies.

22 >> **ASSEMBLYMEMBER DAVIES:** Aye.

23 >> **MS. JONES:** Davies, aye.

24 Juan Mireles.

1 >> **JUAN MIRELES:** Aye.

2 >> **MS. JONES:** Mireles, aye.

3 Jeremy Smith.

4 >> **JEREMY SMITH:** Aye.

5 >> **MS. JONES:** Smith, aye.

6 Ana Lasso.

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

8 >> **MS. JONES:** Lasso, aye.

9 Michele Perrault.

10 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Aye.

11 >> **MS. JONES:** Perrault, aye.

12 And that motion carries.

13 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Great, thank you so much.

14 We'll now go ahead and move on to our reports,

15 discussion, and information item, which are found on

16 stamped pages 835 to 908.

17 Is there anything else staff needs to address with

18 those?

19 >> **MS. KIRK:** Thank you, Madam Chair.

20 The one thing I would mention is that the first item

21 in this section of the agenda is a Local Audits Update in

22 which we've presented a summary informationally of audits

23 that were certified by the State Controller's Office

24 in 2025 for the School Facility Program.

1 The main thing that I would like to also point out
2 for the Board's awareness with that particular summary is
3 that there's a very low incidence of audit findings in the
4 third-party certified public accountant audits of these
5 School Facility Program projects.

6 So among the projects that were certified or the
7 audits, I should say, that were certified last year by the
8 State Controller's Office, it was less than four percent
9 of those audits had audit findings at all, and specifically
10 findings that required funds due back to the State.

11 Looking at the dollars, there was far less than one
12 percent of the funds that had been apportioned by the Board
13 of those projects that actually had to be repaid due to
14 ineligible expenditures or other matters.

15 So we think that that's a testament both to the hard
16 work of local educational agencies who have received these
17 grants, going forward using them to do the good work that
18 we all expect and hope for and also, you know, I'd like to
19 see it as a testament to OPSC staff as well, who provide
20 technical assistance and support throughout that process to
21 ensure that recipients understand the requirements related
22 to receiving state funding.

23 **>> CHAIR PERRAULT:** Absolutely.

24 Thank you.

1 Comments or questions regarding the reports discussion
2 and information items?

3 I'll just second the thanks to OPSC staff.

4 I think, you know, funding, particularly grant funding
5 and others, you know, other state funding is only as good
6 as that which we can provide, you know, clear expectations.

7 And so this, just echo that obviously we are providing
8 that as we're seeing a low percentage of folks who are
9 coming forward with ineligible expenses.

10 So again, thank you for that.

11 Okay.

12 Are there any public comments on this item?

13 No.

14 Okay.

15 This is not an action item, so we don't need to do
16 anything further with that.

17 I think our next order of business is to move into
18 closed session.

19 However, prior to me doing that, it looks like we
20 still have one action item that is open, which is our
21 minutes, and still do not have an additional member.

22 So I guess I'm looking to staff on to whether or not
23 we can just -- I don't know if we need to remove that item
24 and put it over to the next meeting is probably how we need

1 to do it, and do you need an action for us to do that to
2 remove it from the agenda?

3 >> **EPHRAIM EGAN:** No action is necessary.

4 I think we just bring it to the next meeting.

5 >> **CHAIR PERRAULT:** Okay.

6 All right.

7 Let's just note that the minutes, which was our first
8 action item, I'm blanking on the date, from January 28,
9 2026, we will go ahead and move that action item for
10 consideration to our next March meeting.

11 Okay.

12 With that, we are going to -- the Board will now meet
13 in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section
14 11126(e)(2)(a) regarding developments in and the status
15 of case entitled Miliani Rodriguez et al. v. State of
16 California et al., Alameda County Superior Court, Case No.
17 25CV150626.

18 All Board members, if you'd please follow Ms. Jones to
19 the adjoining conference room.

20 We do not have any remote members, I don't believe
21 still.

22 Okay.

23 And then upon the conclusion of the closed session, I
24 will go ahead and report out from our session if necessary.

1 Thank you all.

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3 [The Board has recessed to closed session.]

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5 >> CHAIR PERRAULT CHAIR PERRUALT: Great.

6 Okay.

7 I'm going to go ahead and bring us back into open
8 session, and before I read out the statement for closed
9 session, I just wanted to note that I failed to introduce
10 two of our newest members and welcome them to the Board.

11 Senator Niello, thank you for joining us.

12 We appreciate that.

13 And Assemblymember Patel, thank you so much for making
14 your way over here right from another hearing.

15 So we're very excited to have both of you join us and
16 thank you again for making the time to be here.

17 Okay.

18 With that, I'm going to go ahead and just bring us
19 back and report out.

20 So after closed session pursuant to Government Code
21 Section 11126(e)2A, State Allocation Board met in closed
22 session regarding developments in and the status of case
23 entitled Miliani Rodriguez v. State of California, Alameda
24 County Superior Court, Case No. 25CV150626.

1 The closed session has concluded and the Board
2 provided direction and authority to the Executive Officer
3 regarding the pending litigation.

4 And with that and no other business before the Board,
5 I will go ahead and adjourn the meeting at 4:43.

6 Thank you so much for coming.

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8 [Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.]

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