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CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Are we ready?
We can call the meeting to order.
The first ordinary business is approval of the minutes from the prior meeting.

Is there a motion to approve the minutes?
MR. HILLBERG: At what point in the meeting do I question the transcript?

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Well, you can do it now.

MR. HILLBERG: I had a comment. I've got to pull it up. It was -- I better not guess. I apologize for the delay, but here it is.

Page 8, lines 23 and 24, and the quote is, and then SD-29 America's U6 tank is revise and resubmit. I didn't get that. It was probably garbled when they said it.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Well, do you know who was the speaker?

MR. HILLBERG: I don't know.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: I don't think it's really all that substantive to change. I appreciate you reading it, but if we could figure out who it is, I'm happy to have the transcript
changed. But without knowing who the speaker is and what the context is, I don't think it's germane necessarily.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: So aside from that commentary do we have a motion to approve the minutes?

I thought we did.
MR. CORTES: Yes.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Second?
MR. DEMOPOULOS: Second.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: All those in favor say aye.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: The next order of business is the presentations. Who's up?

We have a technical glitch. Are we good to go?

MR. BAYS: Mr. Chair, Kathleen Langan is on the phone with us joining us via Teams. She will be making the presentation from the Facilities Department, sir.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Okay. Thank you.
(Video presentation was played.)
MS. LANGAN: Good evening. I'm not sure if
everybody can hear me. Is it appropriate to speak at this time?

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: We can hear you. Thank you.

MS. LANGAN: Okay. So good evening. This is Kathleen Langan, Program Director of the SMART Program for AECOM. You just saw a clip of a video showing some of our projects that we have under construction. In front of you now on the screen are the current projects divided by phase. This is something that we show every quarter. These are only SMART Program funded projects. I want to make that clear because a lot of you who look at our monthly reports will see that we actually have close to 180 projects in construction and more projects that are closed out. This is only demonstrating what is funded by SMART.

So you can see that we have increased -actually decreased the number of projects in design, increased the number of projects in hire contractor, and then we have, active construction projects that have gone from last quarter of 124 to now 137. And then 45 in construction closeout and they're now showing 50.

This is Blanche Ely High School, just an overview of the construction that has been completed on the left-hand side of it -- well, it's my left, actually. And then just construction underway. We are completing our final inspections and we'll show at the next quarter that we have our 110 B and have reached substantial completion and we'll be working on final completion for the Blanche Ely project.

Northeast High School, construction is underway with roofing, stem labs, culinary labs, restroom, fire protection and roofing. A number of projects for roofing are completed. We have the science lab, group restroom in Building 3, electrical, ceiling tile installation, fire alarms and roofing in Building 12.

The new classroom addition, because this is just information through the end of December, we have finally finalized our negotiations with the contractor, with the CMR , and the recommendation for GMP is going to the March 15th school board meeting.

School Choice is 94 percent complete and they are deliberating on how to use their remaining funds.

Stranahan High School, we have completed most of the interior improvements. You can see on Construction Complete a long list of elements of work. Construction continues to be underway focused on roofing. And we have 93 percent of the School Choice Enhancements done and those are laptops, security upgrades are being ordered with remaining funds.

I would like to say that this project is running -- is probably going to run over based on a lot of change orders that we have encountered on a number of the roofs. And so we'll be updating that for the Oversight Committee in the next quarter.

Single Point of Entry, we report on this every quarter, and you can see, similarly the way we show on the first page, how many projects are in Design, Hire Contractor, Construction and Complete and Closeout. And that's the same with the fire sprinkler.

So this is a demonstration of holding vendors accountable and how much the district has recovered to date and what has been recovered in this quarter is $\$ 70,300$. This is strictly relating to delays that were encountered through
design with the design firms.
And I'd like to turn it over now to Ashley.
MS. CARPENTER: Thanks. So this is just a representation of the quarterly risk assessment that Atkins submits to the district. And you can see that the last two quarters have remained stable with the high end of the risk up at just over $\$ 600$ million would be the funds that would be needed from SMART Program Reserves to fund the program. That's overall. Obviously, a lot of the funds in reserve have already been allocated to projects. The 70 percent risk result was at about 584. And, as you can see, the range has really narrowed over time as we've had more and more information on really what the market is telling us and we've seen that pretty much all the things that could have happened to the program did happen in terms of material price increases, shortage of labor. In, you know, roofing, for example, the assessments that were done to develop the project budgets back in 2014 had really, really underestimated how much different elements of the program would cost, so roofing was really way off in the magnitude of, you know, $\$ 6$ a square foot which is what was put
in budgets in 2014 and it's really, you know, over $\$ 20$ a square foot, 25, now, you know. So it's -- you can see just that type of magnitude of difference. And we anticipate that this could even go up in the next quarter due to just what we're seeing in the market right now with inflation and the material price increases.

Thank you.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Does that complete your report?

MR. BAYS: Yes, sir.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Bob?
MR. NAVE: I'm sorry. Is that the entirety of the district's report?

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Yes.
MR. NAVE: Okay. I just want to make sure.
The district made no mention of the six new projects in the planning phase. The last couple of quarters we've had zero projects in the planning phase. So it's unclear whether these are six projects that have just taken seven years to get started or whether these are projects that made some progress and ten just got kicked to the curb and the district's starting over. So I think it would be good to get some clarification on that.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Can clarification be provided on that?

MS. LANGAN: Yes, we're formulating our written responses to the TaxWatch comments, but I will tell you that those projects are projects that the school board determined that they were going to split. For example, Parkway Middle School, we split into two phases, completing the phase 1 work. Actually, we're almost finished with all the demolition that was included in phase 1. Another example of that split into two phases is Bennett. We're actually starting the roofing projects at Bennett this summer. There is Mary Bethune, there is -- we're actually going to the board on the 15th with Dania. So that has come off of the planning. But these are projects that the school board determined needed more study and more planning and more community feedback before they finalized. So that's why we moved them back into planning. They were in design but we moved them back into planning for more accurate reporting. And we'll have those written responses for you.

MR. NAVE: Can I offer a suggestion, Mr.

Chairman?
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Of course. Please.
MR. NAVE: Instead of waiting to get written responses to our comments and recommendations, why doesn't the district come to this meeting prepared to address our comments and questions?

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: I was wondering the same thing. I thought that's how the chain of communication worked previously.

MR. NAVE: Because what is happening is --
MS. LANGAN: I'm sorry. I didn't hear that if it was directed towards me.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Well, anybody that could answer the questions of TaxWatch or the recommendations. In the past when a recommendation was made seven to 10 days in advance of this meeting, whoever the issue was directed to would typically come to the meeting with an answer in hand so we don't have to wait.

MS. LANGAN: Well, I can address the question. I was just letting you know that our detailed responses, we did not think that those were due for this evening, but we certainly are finalizing the written responses. But we can address the questions this evening.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Well, then I'll make a suggestion, that when the TaxWatch report comes out, and this goes for pretty much every department and every person in this room that's providing a report, when you get the TaxWatch report a week or 10 days in advance, please, look at the recommendations and please try to have a response prepared for this meeting. Because, otherwise, what's going to happen is we have to wait for a written response that we're not going to see for about six months. And it's not anybody's fault, it's just a matter of timing of when we would have our next meeting. So I'm not saying the report would be six months late but the information contained in it is already six months old.

MS. LANGAN: Sure. Understood. I'm not sure why, but usually we used to have those. I'm not sure why we thought that the written wasn't due today. So we can certainly correct that immediately and we can address the questions this evening and get you a written response no later than tomorrow.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Okay. Wonderful. Thank you.

MR. NAVE: Good. Thank you.
The district also made no mention of the projects that had been flagged or that have been identified as high risk. In our report we went through the school spotlights for every school to identify which ones had been flagged and which ones had been identified as a medium or a high risk. And there were -- we found 27 projects that were flagged for schedule issues and then the district also identified 15 projects, 12 of which were high risk and three were medium risk. And one of the things I noticed was that all of the projects that were assigned risk were also flagged, but not all of the projects that are flagged were assigned a risk. So I'm wondering -- and an example is Sunland Park Academy, it was delayed for owner delays, but it's not flagged as either a high or a medium risk.

So I'm trying to understand how all of one can be in one category but not that category would be in the other. So if the district could explain that, that would help me understand that a lot better.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Is there anyone that
can help us out verbally with a response to that inquiry?

MS. LANGAN: As I understood the written question through TaxWatch that we had one additional -- that TaxWatch identified one additional project that we -- that was also flagged and we did not pick up on that through the system and so it didn't show up on ours as it showed up on -- as it should have. So TaxWatch is correct that there were 27 projects at risk. And so, again, that was one -- that's one that we missed.

I'm not sure if $I$ heard the entire question, but I believe that that's what the written question was.

MR. NAVE: And, again, I'm -- I just hope to make it clear that $I$ don't feel limited by anything we put in writing once this meeting starts. So -- but I do appreciate that.

The district also did not address the phase 2 delay at Northeast High School. The Q1 report showed it being done in one quarter and the current report had it pushed back a quarter and there was no -- no reason for that explained. The project was not flagged on the school
spotlight. So I'm not really sure what's happening with the classroom addition at Northeast.

MS. LANGAN: Yeah, we are looking at why that didn't -- why that didn't flag correctly. I can tell you that the reason for the delay, the project went into bid and award out of design and the contractor had to go out to bid twice. The first time he went out to bid he did not get the coverage on the bid and so we would not accept the pricing because we needed to have more competition than the CMR did. So we asked for more competition. And he went out a second time to market and did get enough bids. And so, that, as I mentioned before, that GMP is going to the board on March 15th.

We still expect that we're looking at the CMR, we are working towards finishing that project on time even though that we had the marked delays that I mentioned.

MR. NAVE: Okay. It was mentioned in the discussion of Stranahan that there were delays because of roofing change orders. I was hoping the district could elaborate on that a little bit.

MS. LANGAN: I'm so sorry. I lost you. I didn't hear your question.

MR. NAVE: Is there someone else that can answer the question?

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: I don't think she heard you. There's a volume issue not an answer issue.

MS. LANGAN: I didn't hear you.
MR. NAVE: All right. Can you hear me better now?

MS. LANGAN: Yes, I can. Thank you.
MR. NAVE: Okay. No, the question I asked was, you made mention when you were discussing Stranahan that there were delays because of change orders for the roofs. And I was wondering if you could just elaborate a little bit on the nature and the magnitude of those change orders.

MS. LANGAN: I -- there's -- I'm going to recall, $I$ don't have it in front of me, but $I$ believe there are approximately 12 change orders. The largest one is in the documents, I'm going to give you as an example, in a document that called for chiller lines to be lifted up and then removed and then replaced. Based on the existing conditions we are not able to do that and we have to actually replace all of the chiller lines
rather than putting back what was there previously. It called for the update of the elevation and then replaced onto the roof using the existing chiller lines. That was not doable and so that's one of the change orders. There was some expansion joint change orders where we had to add material on walls. I don't have them all in front of me, but we'll certainly have that in our written response tomorrow. Those are just a few examples.

MR. NAVE: The district mentioned in the discussion of holding vendors accountable that $\$ 703,000$ or so had been recovered. Is that all for design related issues or is any of that for change orders that were the result of consultant errors or omissions?

MS. LANGAN: That is strictly for delays associated with their design submissions. Regarding the errors and omissions, we have determined that as of the end of January the consultant omissions and the consultant errors are a total of one half of a percent of the construction contract value.

When we respond to your question we have not -- none of these have been pursued for back
charges to A\&E. Some individual projects may exceed a threshold of two to four percent but the vast majority of them do not. I'm sure you all don't remember in our State of the Program where we discussed the industry standard of AIA out to the marketplace of anywhere from five to eight percent of change orders due to errors or omissions, specifically as they relate to complicated renovations. So we are less than that programatically and we'll provide those specific numbers in our written response.

The short answer is, no, it's all related to time. The good news is we're still running half of a percent of the construction contract value for the program.

We are recommending that the board look at having a threshold of either two to four percent where architects are looked at where we wouldn't go for back charges unless it was over and above the cap of four percent.

MR. NAVE: And the reason $I$ ask is that during this quarter the board approved 77 change orders and 42 of those were the result of consultant errors or omissions. And the change orders cost the taxpayers $\$ 715,000$. When you go
back to the previous quarter and add them it's about $\$ 1.3$ million.

So half a percent sounds good, $1 / 3$ million doesn't.

MS. LANGAN: Sure. And I think that it's taken us a bit to perform all the research on this. As late as a few weeks ago we finally determined that there was a memo written to all of the architectural firms under contract that outlined what they had the ability to do and what they didn't. And, basically, the message was, you cannot do any scope, perform any scope that wasn't in the original assessment, nor can you go over budget. And so that is why we are recommending forgiving a percentage of the overall in the contract.

As we've been looking at this there are, a lot of these changes, while they're being coded as errors and omission, we find that a number of them are just not able to -- you know, we were following the direction at the time of what the PMOR was directing.

That's why we've come up with this concept of the threshold two to four percent.

I don't hear anything, so, apparently, I
answered your question?
MR. NAVE: Yes, thank you.
MS. LANGAN: Okay.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: I have a question. So coming back to the change ordinary issue and the \$1.3 million due to errors and omissions of the consultants, who picks up that expense? Is that just an additional expense that the bond is required to pay for? And is it industry standard for the owner then to pick up that expense when a consultant makes an error that results in additional expense?

MS. LANGAN: It is. And, you know, I think part of our response will be to, you know, outline what we're talking about here. Clearly, the district is provided the actual work and a value. What they -- obviously, it is our responsibility as well to work to make sure that the value the district is getting is financially, you know, that we've taken and done our due diligence financially to get the best price possible as our change order. And so we work towards that end. But definitely, you know, it's not that the district is paying for nothing. They're obviously getting the value of the work
that is being added at the time. It's the difference between what they would have paid on bid day versus what they pay for the change order.

And please recall that our contracts have no damages for delay provisions within them. So, therefore, as change orders delay the completion of work, contractors are not able to charge for that time.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Bob, is that everything?

MR. NAVE: I'm sorry. I'm good. I'm good.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Anyone else?
I know you can't help yourself.
MR. DEMOPOULOS: I almost want to like recommend a task group or a -- not of us, but of the district, of each department, to review these errors and omissions to see, are they true errors and omissions, should it be something that the district -- maybe a group to further look at this?

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: I don't know. Because I'll tell you that if $I$ made a $\$ 1.3$ million mistake I wouldn't get fired to get paid more. I mean, is that really industry standard, that when
there is an error or omission by a consultant that they can just charge more money?

MR. BAYS: Let me take a run at this, Kathleen. I'll join you on this discussion, if you don't mind.

MS. LANGAN: Okay. Please. Go ahead.
MR. BAYS: This is Sam Bays, Task Assigned Executive Director for the Office of Capital Programs. I would reiterate a portion of the response that, remember, if $I$ am doing work at a school and the architect left out a receptacle, and that is clearly an error if a receptacle is required, and we put that receptacle in, it is not -- the hundreds of dollars the receptacle costs is not all penalty to the district. All that's penalty is what we might have been able to get that on a competitive bid on the very best day. The increment between that and what we actually pay is the penalty. So the owner does realize a benefit for that.

As regards to the group that reviews change orders, I want to assure you that -- and invite you if you'd like to attend, there is a change order review panel made up of the best and brightest in our organization working with AECOM
to review the work. There's a very prescriptive formulaic approach. It includes people from the building department as well. It's been in place now since before the great recession. They're all very experienced veterans of this work. And it is taken extremely seriously. All of us are -- we strive to be stewards of the public trust. So I would invite you to come and see that, see how that functions.

MS. CARPENTER: Through the Chair, may I just add one small point to that?

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Sure.
MS. CARPENTER: The value of the construction work so far on the SMART Program is $\$ 774$ million. That's work that's either underway or completed construction. That's original contract values, the sum of the original contract values.

So the fact that there are $\$ 3.5$ million dollars of errors and omission program-wide is, you know, alarming when you say $\$ 3.5$ million, however, like Kathleen mentioned earlier, that just adds up to just less than half a percent. The -- what we've talked about, AECOM and myself and the district, is that we would look at projects as they complete, what's the percentage
of errors on project A? Is the percentage of errors, you know, more than two percent, more than four percent, five percent, you know, whatever it is on a particular project, and then do the analysis, as Sam mentioned. There has been analysis of what would we have paid for this? You know, if we forgot to install this water bottle, what would this water bottle have cost on bid day versus what it's costing today, because two years later in construction, right, that could be a big difference. And that's the type of analysis that we would do before we pursue damages from an A\&E. And so we've looked at a lot of projects that have finished, and the ones that stood out were the single point of entries. As you remember, those were done quite a long time ago, and they were very, very small contract projects, so maybe a couple hundred thousand dollars, $\$ 300,000$. So you have one change order that's 20 grand, and then all of a sudden that's a very large percentage.

So, you know, we've looked at those, but, I think, going forward the plan is to continue to analyze as projects complete and look at what percentage of the contract value that error or
omission represents and then do the analysis to determine whether or not it would be recommended to pursue damages at that point.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: I'll say this, as a layperson who pays taxes in this county, as a lawyer, $I$ could have 5 or $\$ 10$ million in my trust account on any given day. If I turn to my clients and I said to them, it's a de minimus amount of money, five grand of your money is missing, not only would I lose my license as a lawyer, but there would be a major problem.

So, it's not good messaging to turn to us or any other person and say $\$ 3.5$ millions is de minimus when talking in reference to \$700 million. I understand when you're looking at it from a percentage standpoint it's not a lot of money. I get that. But let's not insult the intelligence of the public by saying that \$3 million is really de minimus relative to the amount of spend. Because in other professions that would never be tolerated.

MS. CARPENTER: Absolutely. You're absolutely correct. $\$ 3.5$ million is never, never a small amount of money to anybody. But as Sam just said a second ago, that that's not money
that the district has lost.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Oh, I get the point that it's not lost, that there's an increase cost associated with whatever it was. I get it. Because somebody forgot to design an area with an additional receptacle and it should have been there. I get it. It costs more money later on when you want to put it into the project. But there should be some way to reconcile that against the person who made the mistake.

MR. CORTES: So I think when you talk about errors and omissions, does that include everything or that's just errors and omissions, or that includes unforeseen conditions? I just want to understand the terminology. Because one thing is on projects we're doing, when you're doing renovations, it's very unusual to see that you never have things that were not seen in overview. There's an industry standard to that. You're referring to half a percent, and I won't get into what the number needs to be because you guys would know better for the school, but is that unforeseen? What does that mean when you guys say errors and omissions; what is that? MS. CARPENTER: So there -- we categorize all
the change orders generally in four categories. So there's unforeseen, there's owner requests, there's consultant error and consultant omission. Currently the owner request change orders are adding up to a credit, and that credit comes to the SMART Program. So that -- all of those add up to a net credit of about $\$ 1.4$ million. The unforeseen conditions, $\$ 2.6$ million. And then the errors and omissions combined, $\$ 3.5$ million. MR. CORTES: So that's just a line item for errors and omissions?

MS. CARPENTER: Correct.
MR. DEMOPOULOS: I was just going to mention you shouldn't have invited me, but I'll be more than happy to attend. If you could please send me the dates, Ill be there.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Do you look at those change orders really carefully? You know, especially if it's coming from, as you phrase it, owner requests, I assume that's coming from the school or the school administration, the change order. Is that correct? Is that what -- when I looked at the list they were all these unforeseen conditions and the, you know, consultant errors and then owner requests.

So what exactly does owner request mean?
MR. BAYS: It could be a request from the school, but that would really be a high threshold of need before that would be considered. It's more likely something that is necessary for the district to accept the project as it's built. That's a more common definition. Something the building department needs to have done in order for the building to be considered fully operational or safe.

But do we look at the change orders carefully? I'll leave that to your colleague. I think it's a pretty excruciating level of detail; yes.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Well, that explanation about owner requests is something, I think, that should go out, because people, when you look at it, it's assumed that it is -- it's the whim of the school community or whatever to -- you know, that's the general impression out there, that if it's an owner request that the school changed it's mind and wanted something else. So your explanation that it may be a matter of safety, it may be a matter of something else that the building department decides is required for that
school is something that $I$ think we should get out there for people to know. Because, otherwise, it's assumed that it's a frivolous change that comes at the whim of, you know, whoever.

MR. BAYS: Well noted. Thank you.
MR. CORTES: One last question. So then your errors and omissions that you have, you have, what, continuously billed into your numbers to handle some of that? But it's not like you're adding -- or that doesn't mean the budget is increasing, you're just using money from the contingency on the project to pay for that?

MS. CARPENTER: Yes, that's exactly correct. So as the budgets are put together at the time of award of the contractor there is a five percent contingency that's held by the owner for any type of change order. And then in the case of CMAR, of course, there's also a GMP contingency and owner contingency.

MR. CORTES: And I'm not saying that we have to spend the contingency but you have it there for that purpose.

MS. CARPENTER: Correct.
MR. CORTES: Okay.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Anything else? Any other questions?
(No response.)
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: I think we're onto Budget.

Actually, yeah, budget, the finances.
MR. SHIM: Thank you. Good evening. Omar Shim, the Director of Capital Budget.

This quarter's -- this quarterly budget activity report is for the quarter ending December 31st, 2021. The school -- the total SMART Program budget increased by 31.2 million over the last quarter from 1,384,000,000 to $1,415.3$ million, which is shown on page 345 of the quarterly report. A detailed list showing each project that had budget increases was shown on pages 349 to page 368 in the report.

From the total of 1.415 .3 million, $1,056.6$ million is either committed or spent. And the balance of funds that are not encumbered or spent is 358.7 million.

Next slide, please.
Expenditures through the second quarter are 764 million as shown on page 370 of the report. This is a 48.6 million increase in expenditures
from the previous quarter.
The growth in expenditures show the increase in construction activity since, as you know, most of the other items in the SMART Program have been completed.

Purchase orders in place is 292.6 million. And in addition to the SMART Program funding that's identified in the project budgets the district also set aside reserves for additional costs identified in the Atkins Risk Assessment as Ashley mentioned. And to mitigate these risks the district so far has set aside 558 million. So there is a little bit of a gap in what the risk assessment is showing versus what the -what's been set aside totally. And we are looking at ways in which to close that gap in the upcoming months.

So on the next slide $I$ wanted to address some of the items found in the TaxWatch recommendations, specifically 8 and 9. And this deals with how the projects were budgeted. And as shown on the previous slide the district did set aside funding for the SMART Program to anticipate the higher cost associated with construction. And staff is working closely to
close that gap in the risk assessment in what we did set aside for the budget.

Additionally, we did align the funding for the projects as shown on page 345 in the outer years of the plan so that we identified where that funding would come from. And that's to answer sort of both recommendations, 8 and 9, in the TaxWatch reported.

Finally, if you go to the -- yes, that slide, the fourth and final series of the GOB will be issued in the fourth quarter of this fiscal year. So, you know, in the April/May timeframe we plan to issue the fourth and final series of the GOB.

And that concludes the financial presentation, if there are any questions.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Bob?
MR. NAVE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to thank Omar. TaxWatch recommended that the district include budget amounts for some of the out years and the current report shows budget out through year 11. So I appreciate that.

The fact remains, again, that there's only so much money left. The district is spending at a rate of about $\$ 17.7$ million a month. If the district continues at that burn rate that money
should run out in early 2025. And, again, the significance there is that the construction schedule envisions completing all the projects late in calendar year 2025.

So we're just throwing that out there. That is a concern.

MR. SHIM: Yes. And in addition to -- and we recognize, you know, as we go along, we continually do this risk assessment process to make sure that we look at, you know, what has evolved. We've had changes in the market, obviously, since COVID and cost escalation of goods. So we've seen some minor variances that we continue to monitor throughout the program.

And so we also outside of the funds that we set the aside for the SMART Program reserves to cover that risk, we do have other funding available in case we need to increase that in the outer years and in our current year. We have $\$ 60$ million in our unallocated reserve to carry us through the end of this year and we have increased that throughout our five-year plan in completely unallocated funds to look at risks in the SMART Program and look at, you know, making sure that we keep pace with any of these changes.

Of course, that impacts other things that we could be funding outside of the SMART Program, so we always want to make sure that we're allocating what, again, based upon the risk is at the time.

So, thank you.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Go ahead.
MR. DEMOPOULOS: Question.
I'm sure this isn't a popular question, but has there been any thought or is there any regulation that we can't put projects on hold given the time with construction and costs and vendors, you know, anything that's not life threatening or maintenance related where the roof's going to collapse?

You know, esthetically, is there any thought or has there been thought or should there be thought as to putting projects on hold until such time that prices come back down or vendors are available?

Thank you.
MR. BAYS: I think that the character of this program is such that it falls into those critical needs. It's so little and so late, despite being such an enormous, enormous program. You know, the cuts that we incurred 10 years ago in the
recession, the 25 percent reduction in revenues that's never been restored have left us billions and billions of dollars behind. So I think that's not advisable.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Any other questions?
MR. HILLBERG: Yes, we were told that an update on the American Rescue Plan grant application was going to be delivered to us, the \$8 million grant. That would certainly help.

MR. SHIM: Okay. I can get you a copy of that. Thank you.

MR. HILLBERG: Also, the burn rate is below the last year's average. And I know we've smoothed out the projects, but basically we've delayed a lot of projects by spreading them out. I say "we". You. Sorry.

So the burn rate, is that anticipated to remain constant? I'm looking at some of the charts and it looks like the number of construction projects will be the same and flat the spend will be flat, but $I$ just want to confirm that. Because as the project gets away from design, which is relatively inexpensive compared to construction, and the bulk of the spend is in construction, it's much higher, must
faster, do we see that being the case or do we see a falloff from the completed projects?

MR. NAVE: That, I can't answer. We looked at spend rate over the last couple of years and calculated what it is. And we assumed that if that rate continues, then this is how much time would be left. So anything that would reduce that burn rate would extend the longevity of the money.

MR. CORTES: Yeah, I would think you have a cash flow projection for your program that shows the -- because these programs, they never run as a straight line expense. So your cash flow should reflect how those moneys are going to be spent. And would probably add more clarity to how moneys are going to be spent.

And I have one last comment. Just on the second tranche, because I'm involved in that program, we're trying to move the bond second tranche earlier because of interest rates going up. So you might want to consider, and maybe you are, figuring out if it makes sense to do it sooner because interest rates are going to be going higher.

MR. SHIM: Thank you for that. And that was
a factor in our timing.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Who's next?
MR. BALLOU: Good evening. Robert Ballou, Economic Development \& Diversity Compliance.

We have -- I'm going to talk about that 526 because there's another number I need to tell you about. We have 526 certified firms that are certified as local small women and minority owned companies. There's a separate list here at the school district that's pre-qualified firms that can bid on contracts. And then that list, there's a segment of that list that's pre-qualified to bid on $\$ 2$ million plus contracts. And so we'll talk about that in a minute. Just that's a little teaser for you.

Here's where we are on the disparity study. We have disparity. There is opportunity for enhancement in how we spend.

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So the recommendations from TaxWatch is what are you doing to affect the change? So I want to commend TaxWatch. In the TaxWatch report they came up with a new way of looking at our list of suppliers. It was on their table number 11 where they looked at the availability of suppliers and
said, the way that we look at it, you have roughly 30 percent of your suppliers are African American, 30 percent are Hispanics and accordingly, so why aren't your spends in that same percentage? Right? Logical view.

When we look at our actual suppliers, when I look at African American suppliers that have bonding of $\$ 2$ million or more and our average SMART project is north of $\$ 2$ million, you say, well, Robert how many African American suppliers could even bid on projects? And the number is five. Let me repeat that. The number is five. And so, therefore, what are we doing with those five suppliers? And this is what it looks like. We have reengaged our African American owned prime suppliers as well as our women owned suppliers to directly invite them to start attending pre-bid conferences and bidding on business. We had success. Again this ends December of last year. So in that quarter, October, November, December we had six individual responses from African American suppliers, male suppliers, that is. 13 when you count women owned suppliers.
If you recall, previous reports we had zero
in both of those areas. So we had solicitation and we were successful and we had one African American owned company bid and actually win. So of our M/WBEs we had six awarded in the quarter, one of them African American, so 15 percent versus zero percent previous quarters. And, as you know, we worked with, at the development stage, get suppliers engaged in the subcontracting level before they become primes. And then if you look at the second column where we're talking subcontracting, 58 percent of the subcontract awards went to women.

So what are we doing? We told you we were going to work on subcontracting and inviting people in to come and bid. This is evidence that we're doing what we told you we were going to do. Next slide.

We're also engaged with AECOM in some of the roofing carve outs. We started with a very complex and convoluted roofing mentor protege program and we're simplifying it to, how do we partner a large contractor with a smaller contractor as we do a roofing contract? So if we have a $\$ 7$ million deal but 4 million of it's roofing, how do you carve that out and do that as a CSMP or CC CMAR? I will report on that activity because that happened in Q1 of this year, so, technically, $I$ can't talk about it because this is before it happened. Sarcasm.

So that's what we're doing there. We're looking at some of those projects that really are roofing projects and working directly with the CSMP and CC CMAR contracts to bring opportunities together so we can increase our local utilization and get projects done.

As we talked about, the pre-bid conference, we are literally extending the right hand of fellowship and directly inviting companies to come and try us out. Remember, it's not very difficult, because I only have to call five people. So we're having them, we had a pre-bid conference today that we advertised and we're on social media with all of our pre-bid conferences. We advertised one that's happening on Wednesday that went out on social media today as well. And we're literally just inviting them, won't you come try us again?

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We have launched our SDOP Management System which allows our subcontractors to see when their
prime got paid and follow up on why I didn't get paid. So we had some conversations today with subcontractors where we were able to follow up and make sure they got payment as well as some of our primes that, our certified suppliers were able to make sure their payments go through and help them with their paperwork. So that concept of making the district a compelling place to do business, every part that we can find to make it more compelling, we're executing against the strategy of making the district a place that people would want to do business with, getting over some of the, four years ago somebody said something to me concepts that last forever.

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And then finally here is all the stuff that we do. We're doing everything and anything that we can do. Our biggest challenge is availability of suppliers. We're working with suppliers to help them. We actively work with the team that does the qualifications and we're actively outreaching to bring more companies that are pre-qualified that can bid directly.

And then the final slide, please? Please follow -- oh, look at you.

See, that's the tweet that just went out today talking about our bid opportunity that's happening on Wednesday with pre-bid conference. Because, again, if you don't come to the pre-bid conference, we don't know you. Right? You can't bid on the solicitation if you weren't at the pre-bid conference. So the first constraint, the leading indicator was, who was at this pre-bid conference? And if we don't see women and African American suppliers at the pre-bid conference, you will not see them being awarded contracts. So if you run into anyone that says, Broward County Public Schools didn't give me any business, you say, well, were you at the pre-bid conference? And they'll usually say, no, and you're like, well, what do you want the county to do for you?

So we invite you, just like Sam invites you to come to a change order meeting, we invite you to come to a pre-bid meeting. Today we had one and we were in the music room and it was a glorious song because we had one of your larger African American contractors attend. So fingers crossed that they have now attended the pre-bid conference, it's a company that has not attended
pre-bid conferences before, but they were there, they have bonding, and they are eligible to bid. So if you have, whatever your orientation is in speaking out to the divine, $I$ would accept any of your wishes and prayers that they respond to the bid in a positive manner. And then I invite you to follow us on all of the handles BCPSEDDC, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram. We're there, we'll fill up your inbox with highlights of our suppliers as well as bid opportunities.

And that completes my report.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Thank you. Bob?
MR. NAVE: No, I just want to thank Mr. Ballou. He and I had a discussion before the meeting and I want to wait until I get the transcript to see how this other set of numbers factors in.

But, again, I think it was in the September meeting we identified the problem with the pre-bid conference. I think Mr. Ballou knows what he needs to do and I think he's taking steps to do it. So I have no -- no comment.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Thank you. Anyone? Steve?

MR. HILLBERG: So all of your pre-bid
conferences are mandatory attendance?
MR. BALLOU: Yes, sir.
MR. HILLBERG: Is there some project that repeats itself and would not, and say maybe low-tech, I don't want to use that term, but is there a time where a project would be suitable for a non-mandatory bid, maybe a simple --

MR. BALLOU: We do have CSMPs that are more of a continuing contract by definition of the contract and those are -- it's no mandatory that you come in person. We still have a pre-bid conference, but that's on Teams and that is one that we -- one, the dollar amounts are lower, and we do have more active African American and women involvement on those contracts. But the, we're renovating the school for $\$ 3.5$ million, somebody in the district would be upset if we awarded the contract to a bidder that never was at the school before we accepted their bid. At some point somebody's going to cry foul on that.

MR. HILLBERG: Thank you.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Anyone else?
(No response.)
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: We're on to Communications.

MS. KOCH: Okay. Great. Thank you.
Good evening everyone, I'm Kathy Koch, Chief Communications Officer.

I want to start off by thanking Garth Solutions for being such an excellent marketing partner to the district. We've really enjoyed working with them. We think we're getting some pretty good results. So thank you, Yvonne, and your team.

What SMART Means to Me.
Next slide, please.
The marketing campaign has gained traction across the district. It's consistently promoted over several platforms, including social media, emails, the district and SMART websites to our schools and to our community partners.

Over the 10 weeks from October 20th to December 31st there were 1,515 views across all of those platforms. 541 of them viewed the video on the website. There were 3,324 first-time visitors on the SMART website since the recent campaign was launched.

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We're getting ready to launch our next video, The Music Plays On, that highlights the
importance to our students of having musical instruments available to them to play and to appreciate music, all as a result of the SMART Bond.

You might remember during COVID-19 that our students were able to take their musical instruments home and during that time they were able to continue to take music lessons. And that's a result of those SMART Bond dollars.

On this slide you can see the various ways the video is being promoted, through an email newsletter, social media and website.

And now, next slide, for some fun, prepare to enjoy two minutes of The Music Plays On.
(Video played.)
MS. KOCH: Well, I would say that's a little muddled on the sound. So it's a little crisper, a little sharper and a little more vibrant if you can actually hear what people are saying and you can hear the kids playing the music. But tune in again and we'll -- I think you can see it on the website. So you got just a little bit of flavor of what it might be.

So, now, gaining our local recognition, since late 2021 the Office of Communications and Garth

Solutions have collaborated with the Coral Springs online publication called TAP into Coral Springs. I'm not sure if you are familiar with it. It's a franchise. People can buy different cities. There's a franchise in Coral Springs. There's one in Parkland. Currently those are the only two that are in Florida.

But in Coral Springs we created with the publication a series of articles that highlight the SMART projects and they're going to be in every single school in Coral Springs. So the publication comes in and interviews the principals and teachers and parents about the positive impact, the improvements we're having and what they mean to the community. There have been some great, great articles. And what we do, actually, we have some of the specialties, they interviewed the state of the art speaking fire alarm and closed lobby with the buzzer entrance, they looked at the new musical equipment, the renovated media center.

So the series is helping to show the whole Coral Springs community how SMART Bond dollars are being spent in their very specific community. Articles have been written Maplewood, Ramblewood,

Eagle Ridge, Forest Hills, Coral Park Elementary, Forest Glen Middle School and just this morning two more interviews were done. So we've been excited about this particular relationship that we have with the paper. So beyond --

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Continuing beyond the City of Coral Springs we're also helping to raise awareness of SMART projects taking place across the entire district through a structured social media plan that amplifies the exposure and the content that's being produced by Garth Solutions.

So this plan involves highlighting two to three schools every week, bringing light to the projects currently under way and total funds allocated. So the posts ensure that every school board member district is represented and every municipality is represented within the county, so they can see what is happening in their schools within the county.

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Actually, I will speak to the previous slide on the numbers. From October 1st to December 31st there were 257 social media posts on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. So for the 92
days within that quarter that's an aggressive average of almost three posts per day. So we're really trying to get out there with stories that are specific for the different cities, the different schools and the specific audiences.

Outreach Events, there were two ribbon cutting ceremonies and media events held this quarter to celebrate the completion of the Cypress Bay High School's new 62-room classroom building and also the Cooper City Elementary School's media center.

BECON TV always attends those events and they record the event and they create a video and then that video is also distributed to the community. So if you miss the event you're still going to be able to see it. It's distributed to all district audiences.

Outreach events that were held include also the James S. Rickards Middle School Community Meeting, the City of Oakland Park Quarterly Update Meeting, and North Lauderdale PK-8 Project Update Meeting.

In addition one of our school board members has been holding, this is district 7, monthly meetings in the elementary schools to update the
community about the specific projects in district 7. Other school board members are taking note and they're starting to plan their town halls also. It's really a great way to gather the community together, be able to show the projects, take questions, and engage that whole community. So, quickly, to conclude, we're continuing to move ahead to educate the community about the completion of the projects and how the bond program is providing new and engaging environments for our students where they can learn to be successful and be successful in their own futures and how the bond program continues to benefit all of our communities.

So that's what we're doing in marketing. Thank you. CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Bob?

MR. NAVE: Quick question. You mentioned an event at Rickards Middle School. At that event was the public briefed on the collapse and what happened at Rickards and what the district is doing about it? Because $I$ know the committee has asked for that briefing.

MS. GARTH: My understanding is that that event was really a briefing on the SMART project,
but I would need to confirm that. I don't think it was related to the roof.

MR. BAYS: We're going to offer a response on that. I do not believe that at the time the Rickards Community Meeting occurred the district had shared any of the technical information. There since has been a redacted report shared out and it is available. So that we can provide you.

MR. NAVE: I'm going to offer you a deal. If you and your staff and consultants come to these meetings prepared to discuss the issues raised in our report, you don't owe me anything in writing.

MR. BAYS: That's certainly fair.
MR. NAVE: There will be a transcript of it.
I'll have it in writing if $I$ need it.
Is that a deal?
MR. BAYS: That's absolutely a deal.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Wonderful.
MR. NAVE: Do you endorse that deal?
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Absolutely.
MR. NAVE: Okay. The other issue, the issue that TaxWatch -- I think the district's doing a great job trying to educate the taxpayer on what's going on. And you guys have pushed them
to do it and I think they are finally getting that message.

The issues that we raised in our report related to communications were communications with TaxWatch, with the committee, and with people who made public comments. We talked earlier today and we've just negotiated our deal here, so response to TaxWatch issues should not be a problem.

Members of this committee for the last few meetings have asked for information from the district and I'm imagining they still haven't gotten it. And when we had public -- I think it was the September meeting we had two members of the public speak, the committee asked to be copied on the response to those and I haven't seen anything. So I don't know if the district responded or what.

But the overall issue is the timeliness and the responsiveness of the district to your concerns, my concerns and the concerns of the public.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Go ahead.
MS. KRISHNAIYER: Apart from that, I think we don't get anything other than just before the
meeting. So being informed in between those three months would be very, very useful.

Whatever it is, you know, we -- we get the report, you know, the quarterly report, 500-and-some pages, and that's about it. And the TaxWatch report. So there is a lack of communication, I agree, with the committee, itself. Whether it's small things or great news, you know, I think it would be wonderful to have the committee included in all of those communications. So it's just easier to keep up with stuff other than absorbing all of that, you know -- and not necessarily through your department, Kathy, but I'm talking about everybody, you know, whatever happens, that we can get that information.

MS. KOCH: I do understand that. But I was just thinking as you were talking, that when we send something to the community, certainly, you should be on that list. And if there is a press release going out about something that's indicative of that you should be on that list, also. And that's a really simple thing to do and it would at least provide, for marketing part of it, you can see what's happening in real time.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Thank you.
MS. LANGAN: Through the Chair, this is Kathleen, I think we can definitely provide the committee with copies of our monthly report. They are very extensive. We give specifics on each individual project. So we are happy to send that to Omar and have him transmit that to the committee.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Tommy?
MR. DEMOPOULOS: I know you mentioned the redacted report for Rickards and sending that to Bob. Can the committee get that, as well?

MR. BAYS: Absolutely.
MR. DEMOPOULOS: Thank you. And then like Coral Springs, I was thinking about my city, selfishly, Tamarac, we have the Tamarac Talk magazine or Tam-A-Gram magazine that goes out to all the residents and businesses, and I would imagine many cities do, and I'd love to get together after and see how we can get our -- we only have three schools, but how we can get our schools in that magazine. Because I think that's a good way to partner and to get that. And I would almost take that same concept and roll it out to whomever else has some program or magazine
like that. Good job. Thank you.
MS. KOCH: Thank you.
MS. KRISHNAIYER: Actually, I think Tamarac Talk, Coral Springs Talk and Parkland Talk are all the same, you know, Sharon --

MS. KOCH: Sharon Baron.
MS. KRISHNAIYER: Yeah. And so, you know, maybe she would put it in all three.

MS. KOCH: And we do work with Sharon, but not on this very precise thing. Good idea. We actually met today looking at all of the small papers and media throughout the county to see where we might be able to replicate this very exciting relationship that we have tapped into with Coral Springs. We think it might be a little bit of the DNA of their particular publisher, but we'll see if we can maybe move that to a larger group.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: I had no idea about TAP into Coral Springs. I just looked it up. And I live in Coral Springs, so --

MS. KOCH: Thank you.
MR. HILLBERG: Mr. Nave, I just want to thank you for pushing the issue of getting responses to the questions we've asked. We have mentioned
that in the past, but it is a lagging issue on this committee. And I try to make a list of things that are owed to us as a committee based on the court reporter's notes and minutes of the meeting. Those are very helpful. And I have a list, but I didn't want to send it so late before the meeting. I'll try to make it a little earlier. As soon as I get the court reporter minutes $I$ can send those out as a reminder of what was asked and what was requested to be provided. But thank you, again.

MR. NAVE: You're welcome.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Anybody else?
(No response.)
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: I believe that concludes the reports.

The next school board workshop is April 12th. I thought there was supposed to be one at the last school board meeting but it didn't happen; am I right?

MR. DEMOPOULOS: Yeah, I don't recall the date that I was supposed to go and then I was notified there was a date change which I could not make and I notified them, but then I believe that was cancelled and it didn't happen, from
what I was told.
MR. SHIM: Yes, I think a lot of that came around in the time where the board had a number of meetings regarding the superintendent's election. And so, unfortunately, this -- the workshop for the Bond Oversight Committee was kind of pushed. And then when we couldn't make that last window it was kind of late in the timeframe coming up to the second quarter. So the next one is April 12th.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: So since you're still dying to go to another one I think you should do April 12th.

MR. DEMOPOULOS: Mr. Chair, I appreciate that. I do have a schedule conflict. I looked at my calendar. April 12th I cannot do, but I can do the other two. Or I'll commit to one.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Anybody else?
I'm going to be in trial. I know that. I just looked at my calendar.

MR. HILLBERG: Clear it.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: I haven't been to trial
in forever. I'm dying to go.
MR. CORTES: What time is it?
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: They'll call us first
thing in the morning. Don't they typically call us first thing?

MR. SHIM: Yeah, we request the first time slot out of respect of the member's time.

MR. CORTES: Just to make sure, you're
looking for one person that can be at that meeting? And, again, that's April 12th and you're saying -- as long as it's not a Wednesday. Let's see. I should be able to. How long -- how long is the meeting, Omar, the workshop; four hours; the morning?

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: You're just giving a report of what happened here.

MR. CORTES: Oh, giving a report of what happened here?

MR. SHIM: Right. So, typically, with questions -- I mean, the committee member would give a report, they'd ask a few questions and then they would ask a lot more questions of staff. It would go on and the committee member can leave after the questioning portion for the committee member is completed. But it's typically about an hour.

MR. CORTES: I'm good.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Future dates for the
future meetings. Dates for the future meetings are on the agenda, June 13th, September 19th and December 19th.

There's obviously a couple of other issues concerning membership. There's a resolution change and membership terms and an ethics training reminder.

Where are we on those things, Omar, with regard to the resolution change, the membership terms and --

MR. SHIM: Well, I think that the committee should look at the resolution and what are those things and determine if there are any changes that the committee wants to make to the resolution based upon where we're at in the program and what the work of the committee is going forward. And that's just my kind of recommendation.

You know, we've had a number of members that, you know, we haven't had coming to the meeting, so I've kind of reached out to them to see if they want to continue. I reached out to the GFOA organization to replace the member that is not with us anymore. So we're getting some feedback and trying to get, increase the membership.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Okay. Is there anybody here from the public?

No one? That's refreshing.
So we don't even have to recess to have a public hearing.

Is there any other discussion that we need to have tonight?

MR. HILLBERG: Yes.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Okay.
MR. HILLBERG: In the -- after the last meeting, in jest, I made a remark to Ms. Carpenter, Ashley, about the building -- the Markham Elementary School building number 1 was found to have deficient or lacking reenforcing steel and initially it was planned that it was going to have a minor renovation, roofing, HVAC for about $\$ 200,000$ and when the discovery occurred that the rebar was insufficient the decision -- the board made the decision to demolish the building and build another one at the cost of $\$ 29$ million. And the comment that $I$ made to you in jest was, let's just carbon wrap it, carbon fiber wrap it. And then I went home and I started thinking, in my work we have been talking about carbon wrapping certain things and
we usually rule a lot out because it's very, very expensive, but when you compare it to a whole building cost of $\$ 29$ million, it might be a reasonable option that might save a lot of money. I did reach out to a vendor who said we could probably do a carbon wrapping of the building for half the price of replacing. Which even if we're optimistic, it's a tremendous amount to be saved. And I would encourage the board and the group to consult with the structural engineers and get an opinion on that. And if that is a thing that would be viable to consider it. Maybe even move ahead with it. Thank you.

MR. BAYS: Thank you. I am, I have a friend who would say, gobsmacked. That one I have not heard of, but we will surely investigate it. Used in vertical construction for an existing structure, I'll give you a card if you can send me a lead.

MR. HILLBERG: Sure. Also, I'm an expert via YouTube on the installation of that process and all sorts of retaining walls and flood proofing and just this, that and the other. And it's a miracle that it never fails, according to the Internet. But I will give you the contact
vendors and things like that. It was even on the Discovery channel where they wrapped a trailer and blew it away with jet exhaust and it just rolled and rolled and rolled. That's really not what we're going to be doing here, but I'll be glad to connect you with the vendor.

MR. BAYS: Other than that, it's exactly the same.

MR. HILLBERG: Yes.
MR. BAYS: That's great. Thank you.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Thank you. Anything else?

MR. DEMOPOULOS: Mr. Chair, not to go backwards, but on the next meeting, which is June 13th, I am unable to attend. Not that we need to talk about all that now, but --

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Okay. We'll keep it in mind if we have any quorum issues.

MR. DEMOPOULOS: And then, also, if I may, Fire and myself have been meeting with the fire code officials and the Task Assigned Chief Safety \& Security Leadership multiple times, like every other month or at least every quarter and we have had lots of tremendous positive conversations and movement in the right direction. So I know
there's not a whole lot, there is safety and security-wise, but additional details and conversations are in the works behind the scenes. So I just wanted to make everybody aware there's a good relationship being built and we appreciate -- on the fire side, we appreciate the school board's effort in that.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Wonderful. Anything else?
(No response.)
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Hearing none, all we need is a motion to adjourn.

MR. DEMOPOULOS: So moved.
MR. HILLBERG: No, we have something else. We were trying to adopt a policy of deciding what was the message to the workshop, what items that we wanted to bring to the attention of the board we thought were important.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: It was always my impression relative to the workshop, we gave a general consensus of what happened at this meeting, you know, and what things were discussed and what direction they were moving in. It used to be that we would get -- well, this goes back years ago. We would get a report from the school
board personnel, we would look at it and then we would deliver it. And then they didn't like that. They thought that was too tailored, essentially, and we had to do our own to give to them. But I will listen to anyone's recommendation in that regard.

Do you have any suggestions?
MR. HILLBERG: No, I thought we had talked about agreeing what items to bring to the board. CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Frankly, I don't remember.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay.
MR. DEMOPOULOS: I remember. I remember the discussion because I was nervous about going to my first meeting and I was trying to write down some bullet points. So I think it's nice to have a uniform voice, that we all kind of say, yes, check, check, check. Maybe we can come up with maybe one to three items of importance that we would be mentioning at this meeting. I know it would be helpful for me at a future meeting.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: I agree with you and I do recall that, as well. I apologize. I thought you were talking about something different.

So if you want to start from the bottom up, clearly, we want to talk about communications. I think that that's the important issue that was brought up and the recommendations by TaxWatch. So --

MR. HILLBERG: Agreed.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Anyone else? I don't think it's necessarily up to me to determine what the agenda is for the workshop message, so -- I think the deal that was struck between TaxWatch and AECOM is important, that they'll make sure, and that's a subsection of the communication aspect, that when TaxWatch has questions that there'll be, hopefully, answers delivered at the meeting so we are not waiting an extended period of time.

Anyone else? Or do you just want to rely upon my memory?

MR. HILLBERG: Some positive things would be that the committee is pleased with the progress made in the economic development aspect and the communications is also showing good progress and good effort to reach our community and keep them informed.

MR. DEMOPOULOS: I would say something potentially about change orders. It's not so
much on the positive side of it, but maybe it needs more attention or future discussion, slash, meetings on this errors and omissions portion. CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: I agree.

MR. CORTES: Quick question. So how long is the presentation? Five minutes; 10 minutes; 15 minutes? I could go hours. Trust me.

So I just think that we have all of the items that you covered in the meeting. I think the idea would be to highlight those, each of the items that were covered in the meeting.

CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: These are for you.
MR. CORTES: I know. That's what I'm saying. I'll address some of the things that have been talked about; right? There is no way we -- just a question here. There's no way we can communicate other than through this meeting here? Because my thought was, I take this, I put together a proposed list of what we think are important items, I can distribute that to all of us and you can tell me you don't have to do it again until two years because you did an awful job.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: No, I think it can go through Omar and Omar can send it to us. You
can't send it directly to us but it can go to Omar and Omar sends it to us.

MR. SHIM: That's not my understanding. I can't act as someone to communicate through Sunshine. But, I mean, I think you're kind of on the right track as far as coming up with a few ideas and the gist of it and I think somebody can develop it and deliver it in their own style. CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: I agree. You from us will be good.

Anything else?
MR. HILLBERG: In the past I've taken the recommendations and I've emailed them to the liaison, Vicki and the Chair, Adam, so that we covered the Sunshine laws so I only communicate with two people. And that helps because when I showed up at one of these board meetings the board wanted copies and I think Vicki was able to make those in a timely manner and saved us all from uncomfortably staring at each other.

MR. CORTES: So you've done the workshops before?

MR. HILLBERG: Yes.
MR. CORTES: And you handled them that way with her?

MR. HILLBERG: Yes.
MR. CORTES: Okay. Do you have a copy of that draft that you did before that you can send to me?

Oh, that's the one.
MR. HILLBERG: Sorry about all the writing.
MR. CORTES: No, that's okay.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Thank you.
Anything else?
MR. HILLBERG: No.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Okay. Perfect. Now, all we need is a motion to conclude the meeting.

MR. HILLBERG: So moved.
CHAIRMAN RABINOWITZ: Wonderful. Thank you.
Thanks everybody.
(Meeting was concluded at 7:20 p.m.)

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