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Cody Kiess, AECOM
Ashley Carpenter, Atkins, Project Control Manager
Shelley N. Meloni, Director Pre-Construction
Deborah Czubkowski, Chief Facilities Officer
Omar Shim, SBBC Capital Budget Director
Erum Motiwala, Chief Financial Officer
Jennifer Andreu, Executive Director, EDDC
Yvonne Garth, Garth Solutions, President/CEO

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MR. HILLBERG: Good evening. Call to order the meeting of the Bond Oversight Committee December 21st, 2023. Our chair is out, so I'll be filling in for him. I'm Steve Hillberg, engineering representative on the board. On the committee. Excuse me.

The first item is call the meeting to order.
The second item is to approve new member, Mr. William Tracy. His field of experience is the building department and permitting and we -- I think we need that insight on this committee. So if there's any discussion about Mr. Tracy's application?

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Do we have to move?
MR. HILLBERG: We do have to move to approve him for membership.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: I move to approve new member Mr. William Tracy.

MR. HILLBERG: Second?
CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Tommy Demopoulos, I'll second it.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. All in favor? COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. HILLBERG: Opposed?
(No response.)
MR. HILLBERG: It's unanimous. Welcome, sir.
MR. TRACY: Thank you.
MR. HILLBERG: Okay. I had a question on the next two items, on Approval of Minutes. Mr. Tracy, will abstain from that; is that the normal protocol, procedure, approval of minutes from the previous meetings?

MR. SHIM: I'm not exactly sure if that's correct, if he -- if he has to abstain.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. Go ahead and vote and approve the minutes if you've read them. And, otherwise, make your own judgment and we'll make an adjustment as needed.

Okay. Can we approve the minutes from June?
MS. KRISHNAIYER: So moved.
CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Tommy Demopoulos, I'll second.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. All in favor; aye?
COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.
MR. HILLBERG: Those opposed?
(No response.)
MR. HILLBERG: Ayes, again, are unanimous.
Approval of minutes from September, the last
meeting.
MS. KRISHNAIYER: So moved.
CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Second.
MR. HILLBERG: Approved? All in favor?
COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.
MR. HILLBERG: All opposed?
(No response.)
MR. HILLBERG: Again, unanimous.
Is Mr. Nave here?
(No response.)
MR. HILLBERG: We don't have TaxWatch here.
MR. SHIM: Bob Nave couldn't make it, but I believe he is on the phone and is able to hear us.

BECON: He's not on the phone yet.
MR. SHIM: Okay. Let me confirm.
MR. HILLBERG: All right. Shall we move ahead while you're confirming since we are crunched for time?

MR. SHIM: Yes, we can move forward with the presentations.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. Going into
Presentations. If we can get Bob, he'll reply at the end. He'll add comments.

So the first thing are Quarterly Highlights,

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Facilities and AECOM. Take it away.
MR. KIESS: Okay. Good evening everybody. I'm Cody Kiess. I'm one of the construction management team leaders from AECOM. For Recommendation Number 1 we provided the response that the District intends to submit an updated draft of FY24 Q1 Spotlights with the flags appropriately listed in accordance with the summary of the flags provided in the executive summary. We've also included a link to the updated spotlights.

For Recommendation Number 2, the question was, Florida TaxWatch recommends that the District's Chief Facilities Officer brief the Bond Oversight Committee at the December 21st meeting on the conditions that warrant the assignment of a "high" level of risk at the following schools, being Coconut Palm Elementary, Margate Middle School, Pasadena Lakes Elementary and Riverglades Elementary. We provided detailed responses for each school. If there's any that you have a particular question on?
(No response.)
MR. KIESS: Okay. On this slide we have listed the Quarterly Highlights. So it focuses
on Boyd Anderson, Thurgood Marshall, Miramar High School and Sheridan Park Elementary. We do have a number of projects that are in construction closeout, have gone up by 13 to bring it to 110 in total, which reflect 44 projects moved into construction closeout in the last year. We had two ribbon-cutting ceremonies that were completed and four schools completed their School Choice Enhancement projects.

We've also updated the Quarterly Highlights for Q1. On this slide we have the Safety Status updates. We've moved an additional two into Complete and Closeout and the fire sprinkler section has moved from 17 last quarter to 21. We have also updated the percentages of completion as well as the current status on the remaining safety projects.

On this slide we identify that the program overall -- or the program overall remains on schedule with 47 projects that are currently ahead of schedule. And now moving on to the Big 3. We have also provided updates on the scopes of work that are remaining between Blanche Ely, Northeast High School and Stranahan High School.

And I'm going to turn it over to Ashley

Carpenter from Atkins.
MS. CARPENTER: Thank you, Cody.
So this slide just shows the current revised policy that this committee helped us to modify for the Board; if you'll remember that.

On the next slide is the Errors and Omissions. We're still working on an Errors and Omissions Policy that we would like to get implemented by the Board.

The Change Orders approved this quarter total almost $\$ 2$ million. And the quarterly breakdown is on this next slide as well. So that's an average percent change of .14 percent over the total value of the construction for the program.

The Budget Flags Updates, so this was just the same explanation we've had from the previous quarters on what the different budget flags are, the highlight really is that there were 6 Construction Award Budget Adjustments that totalled just over $\$ 24$ million, 11 Change Order Budget Adjustments that totaled .68 million and then 2 Roof Carve Out Budget Adjustments that were just over $\$ 5$ million.

In the TaxWatch report Bob made a recommendation related to the quarterly updates
of the risk assessment done by Atkins, my firm, and the response from the District is that the staff has received the Risk Assessments from Atkins, in accordance with the contract, and have been working with the District to align the reserve and resources to address the needs of the program, as well as to provide updates to the Board. The BOC Committee here will receive the subsequent quarterly Risk Assessment for the next meeting.

MR. NAVE: This is Bob. Can I ask a question on that?

MS. CARPENTER: Sure.

MR. NAVE: The District's response says, in accordance with the contract, but what does the contract actually require with respect to the Risk Assessment?

MS. CARPENTER: I can't speak exactly to the language, though, $I$ know that one of the deliverables is to submit a quarterly Risk Assessment to the District.

MR. NAVE: And then how can you say you're in compliance with the contract if the Risk Assessment in your report is six months old?

MS. CARPENTER: The Risk Assessments have
been submitted to the District staff. The District staff has not submitted the Risk Assessments to the Board in the last couple of quarters. The District staff is utilizing the Risk Assessment data to manage the SMART Reserves and, you know, to look at the forecast, but they have not been submitted to the Board, and, therefore, they have not been included in this report.

MR. NAVE: Then my question to District staff is, why? Why has that information not been provided?

MS. MELONI: Bob, this is Shelley Meloni, Executive Director of Capital Programs. The -both risk assessments submitted by Atkins in a timely manner have been in review by District staff, and, hence, the reason for them not being released to the Board. So we have them, we are in possession of them, and we are reviewing them but they were not released.

MR. NAVE: All right. Then that -- that -- I still don't understand why they can't be made available.

MS. MELONI: I think once we are complete, and I do believe we are, with our review, we will
release them to the Board through the Superintendent's office. Or, actually, through the Chief Facilities Officer's office.

MR. NAVE: Did it take six months to review those?

MS. MELONI: I'm sorry?
MR. NAVE: Did it take six months to review the Risk Assessment?

MS. MELONI: We were -- yes. Yes, it did.
MR. NAVE: Okay. That's unacceptable to TaxWatch. It should not take six months to review that Risk Assessment.

MS. MELONI: Bob, I will say that, because we have new leadership, that we needed to go through and they needed to understand fully what was in front of them. Therefore, it took what it took. So now that that's completed we will release both assessments.

MR. NAVE: Okay. Well what is the current assessment number? What's the risk assessment, the latest one?

MS. CARPENTER: The latest risk assessment is through period ending September 2023.

MR. NAVE: All right. And what's the number, the range?

MS. CARPENTER: Oh, it's -- it's not much different. I'm sorry, I don't have it in front of me right now, but it's not much different than the one from six months ago. I don't want to say a number because $I$ can't remember exactly, but I can look it up. But, I mean, I want to say it's within, you know, $\$ 10$ million of the one from six months ago.

MR. NAVE: Okay. That's good enough. Thank you.

MS. CARPENTER: Thanks.
MR. KIESS: Okay. And now we're on to the AECOM S/M/WBE reporting. We've provided the current numbers for each section with the S/M/WBE participation for the section that excludes additional specialized services at 41.78 percent and 39.58 percentage for participation for the area that includes additional specialized services.

MR. HILLBERG: I had a question about this. The payments seem to take a while to process. Is that -- is the School Board subject to the Prompt Payment Act?

MR. SHIM: Yes, the School Board is subject to the Prompt Payment Act and we monitor that and
do -- you know, in most cases we pay within the Prompt Payment Act. There may be special cases where there are issues with the invoices in which case it had to be revised and go back to the contractor.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. Any issues with these invoices? It looks like they're at least three months behind. And I think the Prompt Payment Act is, as far as municipalities are concerned, is a 30-day payment period.

MR. SHIM: Yeah, I don't know, are these direct contracts or are these through subcontracts? Because we don't -- the District, itself, is primarily focused on the Prompt Payment Act as it pertains to our direct contracts.

MR. HILLBERG: Yes.
MR. SHIM: Subcontracts are more reliant upon the relationship and the payment, you know, going through the prime contractor and the subcontractor. And where we can we, you know, we have called and supported that relationship when we can. But, again, that's primarily through that relationship.

MR. HILLBERG: Thank you.

Any other comments?
(No response.)
MR. SHIM: Thank you. So this Quarterly Budget Activity Report is from the first quarter of 2024 ended September 30th, 2023. The total SMART Program Budget increased by $\$ 30$ million over the last quarter from 1 billion -- well, 1.6 billion to 1.62 billion, which is shown on page 15 of the quarterly report. A detailed list of each project budget increase is shown on pages 437 to 463. So that provided the details of every project budget that we had in the SMART program and what those increases were.

From the total of the $1,624.8 \mathrm{M}, 1,438.2 \mathrm{M}$ is either committed or spent. And balance of the funds that are not encumbered or spent is 186.6 million. Out of the 165 million balance, 15.9 million is on completed projects that are being financially closed out. And 170.6 million in balances is on financially active projects.

Expenditures -- the next slide, please, Expenditures. Okay. Expenditures through the first quarter are $1,158.5 \mathrm{M}$ as shown on page 485. This is a $\$ 59.8$ million increase in expenditures from the previous quarter. Purchase orders in
place are 279.7 million.
For the Reserves, so in addition to the SMART Program funding that's identified in the project budgets, the District set aside SMART Reserves -Program Reserves to address expected project increases based upon the Risk Assessment. The District's Educational Facilities, our five-year plan, was approved in September 2023 and it included an additional 47 million, which increased from 691 million to 738 million for additional costs that were identified in the Atkins report in June.

The District's finance team continues to work with Atkins to adjust the Reserve and address the risks identified by Atkins as they mentioned. And the SMART Program is financially feasible.

And that concludes the financial report.
Do you have any questions or any comments, Mr. Nave?

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Omar, I do have a question. Yeah. I see all these figures but we are going as I see almost into '26 before completion.

Will we have enough money?
MR. SHIM: We -- we are going by the risk assessment. And so I can only go by what we --
what we show. And right now we are financially feasible. We have enough money to do the SMART Program as shown.

Now, if that continues and continues it does put a strain on the capital program, future projects and future expected revenue. So that's where we sit now.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Yeah, that's -- that's -you know, a lot of questions that come from the parents and the community is just that. We're already way past time and, you know, some of it is going to be completed in ' 26 not, you know, '25, as proposed a couple of years ago, so that's -- that's worry in the community.

MR. SHIM: Well, I think we can -- what we are seeing is a light at the end of the tunnel, which means that we only have a few more projects to actually go into contract, which lowers the risk. Because you have them under contract and, you know, you don't have to worry about them coming in as far as bids higher. And then we are closing out projects and recovering some funds from those projects. So that -- that's the most reassuring portion of this is that we almost have everything under contract.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Thank you.
CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: While you're talking about everything just about coming into contract, there are still four projects in the planning phase. What are those and why are those still in planning? Are those long-term projects? Are they very short projects? What is that?

MS. MELONI: Well, those projects were ones that we had identified earlier on that where we have perhaps some enrollment, lower enrollment, we need to study a little bit further. And that's the reason why we're considering putting it into the long-range plan. Because we want to make sure that if we invest moneys into those projects, that -- that it will serve, you know, a greater good. So we want to make sure we're doing the right thing at those schools based on enrollment and some other issues.

MR. DEMOPOULOS: Is there any timeframe to when we may know?

MS. MELONI: Well, we are going to be -- we have sort of a two-step process to go through. We are looking at releasing an RFP for a needs assessment, condition assessment, and that information will also inform a long-range
facilities master plan. So that's on the horizon. Our intent to release for the needs assessment is, within the next month or two we'll be releasing that. That's about a year's effort. And then we are also working towards developing an RFQ for the long-range plan. So it may not be an immediate answer, but it is in the future.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: A question, I don't know the answer, per resolution it says, you know, this board was established until these projects are done and that's a long-range, say 10 years out, do we stay in existence for that? Like how does that work?

MS. MELONI: Well, that, I don't know.
MR. SHIM: Well, I think the answer lies on the front -- front of the report, which, the board approved a resolution that established a timeframe in which the SMART Program would end. So -- and some metrics. So the one thing was that we spend all the bond funds and the other thing would be that there is a time line for 2025. So I think that's a good guideline as far as the timeframe that the program would be, you know, completed.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Thank you.

MR. HILLBERG: Latha, go ahead.
MS. KRISHNAIYER: This may not -- you may not have the answer to that, but listening to Ms. Meloni and you're talking about Needs Assessment, will the Superintendent and Board's plan or proposals to consolidate schools, close schools, have any impact? Is that what we're looking at when -- when we are, you know, not investing money into certain schools because of the possibility that they may be closed or --

MS. CZUBKOWSKI: Thanks for your question. Deborah Czubkowski, Chief Facilities Officer. So as we work with the Superintendent on a plan to develop a list of what the schools will be, we first need to meet with the community, and those meetings are already scheduled between January and February. So I'm hoping that mid spring we will have a better look or better idea of what those schools will be.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Thank you.
MR. HILLBERG: If there are no further comments, questions, I believe, I'm kind of lost, actually, but we are on the timeframes of remaining Safety and Security projects.

Right, Mr. Demopoulos?

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: We passed that.
MR. SHIM: Yeah, I thought we covered that.
CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: I thought we were on roughly page 36 of the presentation.

MS. MELONI: Yeah, Communications.
MR. HILLBERG: So help me with what bullet we're on. The second to last?

MS. GARTH: I think we're moving to the General Communications update.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. So we're on the last bullet.

MS. GARTH: Yeah.
MR. HILLBERG: Okay.
MR. PATEL: Chair? Chair? I think we're on Economic Development \& Diversity Compliance.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay.
MS. MELONI: I think she is on her way. She thought it was a Teams meeting and she jumped in her car and is on her way.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. So we'll proceed with the update on Communications.

MS. GARTH: Thank you.
Good evening. Yvonne Garth of Garth
Solutions, your communications liaison for the SMART Program. With close to 200 schools our
focus right now is getting out to the sites that are under construction and capturing the progress on video and photography and updating the website and pushing that out through social media. So we -- for the quarter ending September, that was coming off of the summer so we were able to capture quite a bit of activity over the summer. We had 156 posts on Instagram and, as you can see, we had 22,000 impressions, which is essentially reached. So that's great, we're doing much better in terms of having our target audience in the community for the schools looking at the content and staying engaged.

For the quarter we also celebrated two ribbon cuttings for Apollo Middle School and Miramar High School and had a good amount of media coverage for that, as well, featured on NBC 6 and some other media outlets. And --

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So, again, summer construction for that quarter we really focused on all the work that was being done while the kids were out of school.

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We also for the quarter tried to -- we worked in collaboration with the District to put a
campaign that highlighted the businesses that have been a part of the SMART Program, particularly smaller local businesses, and also had a good amount of media coverage there, which is nice, again, in terms of helping the District build those relationships with the local businesses.

Another milestone over the summer was the completion of SCEP Program. We also ran a campaign just celebrating that.

MR. HILLBERG: One second. We need to celebrate our achievements when we can. That's a long time coming. And it's been kind of hard fought and I'm glad to see that milestone achieved. Thank you.

MS. GARTH: And just on that note, in 2024 we are focused on schools that are completed, working with the school community to celebrate those accomplishments with the ribbon-cuttings. So you'll see more of that.

MS. CZUBKOWSKI: Let me take a moment to invite you all to January 19th when they are going to be having the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Northeast, the new building at Northeast, at 10:00 a.m. We would love to have you there.

MR. HILLBERG: Thank you. Any further comments?

MR. DEMOPOULOS: Good job.
MR. HILLBERG: Ms. Garth, please proceed. Sorry to interrupt.

MS. GARTH: That was it, actually. Thank you for the -- that was the big close. Thank you.

I'm happy to answer any questions that you might have.

MR. HILLBERG: Any questions?
(No response.)
MR. HILLBERG: Is Mr. Nave still with us?
MR. NAVE: I'm hanging in there, Steve.
Thank you.
No, I have no comments or questions. Thank you.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. Moving on, are we going to -- I guess we can come back to the minority and disadvantaged business. We'll come back to that if and when the person arrives.

But moving on is Item $F$, Resolution, and that's Resolution 15-106. Which one -- what is that one about, Omar? Is that makeup of the committee?

MR. SHIM: Yes. So just, basically, what we
did is we went back and looked at the resolution and we changed it from those, I guess, organizations that haven't been participating or what we viewed as we could change to meet more of the expertise.

So two things changed. One of them was the Disability Rights was changed to someone that has experience representing special needs children. So the committee would seek and we would look for somebody to fill that role. But it doesn't have to be a part of that organization.

The other one would be exactly the position that you filled today, which was the.

MR. TRACY: Building Code Compliance.
MR. SHIM: Right, Building and Code Compliance. So that's taking out the South Florida Technology Alliance, and then using -- we felt that that was more fitting to where we're at in the SMART Program.

So the other thing that we did was, basically -- and I think we already had in order to confirm a member you only needed four for a quorum, but everything -- and everything else stayed the same.

We also took out the terms. Because, as we
said, we are sort of going towards the end and it's difficult to fill these positions. And I think that's basically it. We just updated some -- some of the titles that reflect our organizational chart and things like that.

So that's, basically, the changes that we made to the Resolution. The Board approved it, I believe, in December.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: It's signed by Dr. Osgood.
MR. NAVE: I'd like to ask a question.
MS. KRISHNAIYER: That's the original
signature?
MR. SHIM: It's the original that was amended.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Okay. So --
MR. SHIM: But the amendment was approved.
MR. HILLBERG: Go ahead, Mr. Nave.
MR. NAVE: Update on the Chairman; do we know the status of the Chairman?

MR. SHIM: He couldn't make it. That's all that I know.

MR. NAVE: Okay.
MR. SHIM: I haven't had any conversation with him beyond that.

MR. NAVE: Thank you.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. Moving on to update from the presentation at the workshop on November 28th. That was my turn. I had a couple of turns. One I missed due to being out sick one day. But -- so I finally completed it on November 28th. And that first item kind of tails into what we were just talking about is committee membership. I did mention to the School Board that meetings frequently didn't have a quorum and the board was generally in agreement that that's an issue and then a discussion went about staff that's working on changing the resolution that we just talked about, so some progress was made, and also we have a new member, so that's -- that is not quite the concern that it was.

The second item, I'd like to recognize the effort to accelerate projects when possible and the last 47 projects are listed as ahead of schedule. Ms. Hixon jumped in and said it was the revised schedule. Understood. And I should've put that in there, as well. But, still, 47 are ahead of the revised schedule, so that -- that's a good sign. So thank you for the hard work of keeping the impossible on track. Even with the acceleration of projects the
committee needs to emphasize completion of the projects. School construction's roughly 30 percent completed with about two years to go on the adjusted schedule. So the emphasis needs to be on finishing the projects. And that's always been the case. We are making -- or you are making progress and that's good, but there's a tough deadline coming up. And I don't know how to resolve that, but it sounds like it's very important to meet that deadline.

And then the last item, the committee is generally pleased with the process changes made in response to the grand jury report. I don't need to -- I don't think I need to elaborate. We've talked about that in these meetings quite a bit and it's good to see the School Board responding and making changes. So --

And that was -- that was it. It was a quick meeting. Somebody else should take a turn in making the presentation at the workshop.

And, yes, Omar?
MR. SHIM: Yes, I just wanted to sort of reiterate about the committee and the changes and requests. And also thank Mr. Demopoulos for the recommendation and the new member. And also say
that we do have those vacant positions which include the -- someone having experience with special needs children. We have vacant construction contracting, I think is very important. And we have vacant somebody that has experience as a minority builder. So if anybody knows somebody that has that, please, reach out to my office. And I think everybody has Millie's information and we will reach out to that person, whoever you recommend.

So thank you.
MR. HILLBERG: Okay. Thank you. That brings us to the next item is the next School Board Workshop, February 13th, 2024. And we have to decide who would like to make a presentation.

Are you available, Latha?
MS. KRISHNAIYER: I don't know. I have to check.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay.
MS. KRISHNAIYER: Yeah, it's legislative session time, so I'm not really sure if -- I know I'm going up the end of January to Tallahassee. So that's why I'm --

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. And Parth would be the next choice.

MR. PATEL: I'll be a maybe, only because I have a friend's wedding that weekend.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay.
MS. KRISHNAIYER: Why don't I get back to Omar? You know, I may be able to come.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay.
MS. KRISHNAIYER: Except -- are the same people on time?

MR. SHIM: We have been, basically, requesting the first slot on the workshop so that generally speaking the workshop starts on time and we're the first one. You know, typically, they may not accurately -- the subjects after that are the ones that are always -- so we've always been requesting the first slot so that it starts on time.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Put me down -- 10:00?
MR. SHIM: I'm not exactly sure when that is scheduled, but it's typically --

MS. KRISHNAIYER: 9:30 or 10?
MR. SHIM: -- 9:30 or 10.
MS. KRISHNAIYER: Okay.
MR. SHIM: But we'll notify you right away once we know.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: But it should be a
committee input on the --
MR. HILLBERG: Yes. Yes.
MS. KRISHNAIYER: So let me --
MR. HILLBERG: Yes. I've tried to take notes throughout here, the meeting, to, at the end we can discuss what we want to present to the workshop.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.
MR. HILLBERG: It's kind of difficult to do both at the same time, but we'll -- we'll -- at the end just before we recess or maybe when we reconvene the business meeting that will be the time for School Board Workshop items. I can amend the agenda. Okay? So I think we've taken care of H .

We'll move to Item I, Proposed Future Meeting Dates. My schedule doesn't go that far in advance, so, yes, it looks good. All the dates look good.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: It's Tommy, I'm good, just the 20th I'm not -- June 20 th for sure I'm out of state.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay.
MR. DEMOPOULOS: My wife's calendar does go that far.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay.
MR. SHIM: Should we look at a -- can we look at a different date that's in a -- okay. We'll take a look at that and see if we can make an adjustment.

MR. HILLBERG: Do you have a preference earlier or later? It's all on you.

MR. PATEL: And while Tommy's looking at his very extensive calendar, I'll be okay for both.

MR. SHIM: I'm sorry, can you repeat that?
MR. PATEL: I'll be okay for both dates. So, like, any time.

MR. DEMOPOULOS: If June 13th was an option that would be amazing, the week prior.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: June 13th? I won't be able to make it. No, that's my National PTA, standing. Second Thursday I always have a meeting.

MR. HILLBERG: How does the 27th look?
MR. SHIM: We'll circulate some options. We don't have to do that here.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. We've got 10 minutes left of Chief Demopoulos' time.

Okay. Let's go to the next item. It's Recess the Business Meeting, okay, and convene
the public hearing. Are there any speakers signed up tonight?

Seeing there are none, we can adjourn the public hearing, reconvene the business meeting, and the first item is Items to Present to the School Board at the Board Workshop.

My first one is concentrate on finishing projects. And that's, $I$ know it's redundant, everybody knows that that's what needs to be done.

MR. DEMOPOULOS: It's Tommy. I wrote down just a few things, you all can tell me if it's relevant or not. Work to fill those new vacancies that were recently approved in the resolution. Work to finalize that Errors and Omissions Policy. The current Risk Assessment, make sure that that gets released. And if by then a new one is due, make sure that's due and also reviewed and released. Outreach and social media is doing really good. And then that we approved a new member. And welcome.

MR. TRACY: Thank you.
MR. HILLBERG: New member. Okay. That's good. We're making progress on that.

An old one is items promised by the staff and
the project management team to the committee members. Are you up to date on the things that you've requested?

You requested last, I remember the meeting minutes, the status of the children in the -- is it Rickards?

MS. KRISHNAIYER: No, Markham, I think.
MR. HILLBERG: Markham.
MS. KRISHNAIYER: Markham and Rickards; yeah.
MR. HILLBERG: Did you get something on that?
MS. KRISHNAIYER: No.
MR. HILLBERG: We did get -- we did get a report, I think a slide show, after the last meeting. So we did get that. And that was good. But -- okay. So maybe we'll table that for another meeting.

But I do want to emphasize that the first time we had people come to a public hearing we still haven't heard a response. There were three people and I don't ever remember seeing any response that went back. And please correct me and tell me I'm wrong.

MR. SHIM: I believe we responded to them, to the -- whoever it was. I don't remember what they were. The last meeting was, I believe,
about, someone came in and asked about a culinary lab and that was not really a part of the scope of the SMART Program. However, I did refer it to the person in charge of that grant and they are reaching out to them or have reached out to them.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. It's just a bullet item on one of the purposes of this committee, so I have to -- I feel like I have to follow up. I know it might be trivial but -- to them, it's not. No, I take that back. It's not.

MR. SHIM: So we -- so we were responsive to the last person that spoke.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. Thank you.
All right. Anybody else have any items for Latha or are you satisfied with the number of items?

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Yeah. Tommy went too fast, but it'll be captured in the minutes so it's okay.

MR. HILLBERG: All right. So now we come to discussion. Any discussion topics?
(No response.)
MR. HILLBERG: No? The next item is adjournment.

> MR. SHIM: Just real quick --

MR. HILLBERG: Oh, right, we have to go back. Yes, we do.

MR. SHIM: -- if you had any questions about those slides earlier for Economic Development, if you wanted to quickly review it and then if you had any questions on that.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. I believe the Economic Development person is here.

MS. ANDREU: Good evening. I apologize. My name is Jennifer Andreu. I'm the new Executive Director for Operations and I thought this was a Teams meeting, so I flew over from Oakland Park and University. But, again, my apologies. I was listening once $I$ found out it was being streamed, so I did hear the conversation that was had.

I want you to know that Economic Development \& Diversity Compliance Office is under new leadership. We have a new director, Denise Mincey-Mills, who really wants to focus on compliance. So we have reviewed the recommendations from this committee and take them seriously. And you will see additional progress in this department.

Our partner agencies have worked with us to certify various vendors throughout Broward County

Public Schools in the tri-county area utilizing our reciprocal certification. You are going to see that really expand. We are working on abbreviating the Ariba process to make it easier for vendors to become certified and use that reciprocity. Right now it's been a very intensive process in terms of technology.

Our partners include but are not limited to Miami-Dade County Public Schools and also Palm Beach County. Additional methods to engage our vendors and encourage them to participate has been our seven-point marketing strategy. So we are doing phone calls, we are doing follow-ups. Customer service is a priority of mine. We're making sure we meet people where they are to assist them and eliminate the barriers.

In terms of prime contracts awarded, you will see the difference there between Quarter 1 and Quarter 4 of the last meeting, I believe, that took place. One award to a Hispanic male company was made this last quarter and that would be Cosugas. I hope I'm pronouncing that right. And so that was our prime awardee for this first quarter during '24 fiscal year.

You can see on this next slide the various
subcontractors being used by our two primes. And I know, I heard the discussion on payments, a particular interest of mine and Ms. Mills, because we just completed our disparity study and it was reviewed by the School Board last month, a policy revision is taking place to our procurement policy and as well as our Economic Diversity \& Development standard operating procedures. All of those policies and procedures are being revised based on the findings of the disparity study.

So, again, we are about increasing the percentage with our prime and subcontractors and removing all barriers to do business with Broward County Public Schools.

Next slide.
Here you will see the pre-qualification data and you will see how many bidders have been pre-qualified and attending our pre-bid proposal meetings. We have, out of the five projects during this quarter, three unique primary bid proposals, including one African American and two Hispanic American firms.

There are numerous factors that are affecting participation at the prime level, supply base is
a real issue. You see all of the construction going on and residential, so we are competing with all of that. And so that's not an excuse, but that is a real concern. So we're looking at assisting with bonding capacity, and, as mentioned earlier, prompt payment. Those are two key words.

From the next slide you will see, again, the wonderful work that Garth is doing as well as our office in terms of making sure that we publicize all the bids that are available on social media. And our social media presence you'll see will really, really be enhanced during 2024. You'll see some tag lines, some hash tags, if you will, Bought In Broward, we will be launching all of that in 2024.

On this next slide it illustrates the Spend Analysis by ethnicity and gender. You will see emerging small minority and women business enterprises. It's important to note that across all of these categories with the exception of one the District spend with certified suppliers exceeds the 2015 disparity study totals. So we are making progress. It's not happening as fast as we would like, but we are making progress.

The economic impact of the SMART Bond Program has yielded $\$ 403$ million in prime expenditures in local and small businesses.

This slide, again, captures our subcontractor commitment breakdown by ethnicity and gender for the two awarded projects during this reporting period. The subcontractor commitment total was 10.3 million or 51 percent of the total prime award amount of the 20.4 million.

Based on the data provided by Capital Budget, the overwhelming majority of spend with certified firms during this quarter was related to renovations.

Again, during this quarter EDDC completed 87 solicitation notification campaigns to include targeted emails as well as social media posts sharing opportunities to do business with Broward County Public Schools.

And if you haven't already, please make sure you follow us, tell your friends and family to follow us for all of the latest updates with the Economic Development \& Diversity Compliance Office. Thank you so much.

MR. HILLBERG: Thank you.
Any comment?

I like the Bought in Broward. I don't know what you call it, a tag line, hash tag or something. I like that.

So if there's no other comments, questions, issues, we come to adjournment.

And so with that, the meeting is adjourned. Thank you everyone.
(Meeting was concluded at 6:32 p.m.)

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