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MR. HILLBERG: Okay. Well, let's call to order. We did not have a quorum last time, so we have two sets of minutes to approve. First we'll do the approval of minutes from the December meeting which carried us up to 1st Quarter of FY2025.

MR. TRACY: Motion to approve.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Second.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. All in favor?

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. HILLBERG: All opposed?

(No response.)

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MR. HILLBERG: None. Okay. Moving to the second set of minutes. This was --

MR. TRACY: The unofficial meeting.

MR. HILLBERG: The unofficial meeting; correct; on March 20th, and it took us up to the 2nd Quarter of FY2025. Do I have a motion to approve those minutes?

MR. TRACY: So moved.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Second.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. All in favor, aye?

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. HILLBERG: All opposed?

(No response.)

MR. HILLBERG: None. All right. Call for Experienced Representatives to Fill Open Positions. Any progress from anyone on that?

MR. TRACY: I have reached out to three or four people and nobody wants to. I deal with contractors all the time. I spoke to five today. Then, nope.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay.

MR. TRACY: So --

MR. HILLBERG: Any word from staff's efforts, Mr. Shim?

MR. SHIM: Yes, I reached out to organizations and I haven't had any feedback.

And I also reached out to -- prior, to EDDC, Mrs.

Mincie-Mills before she left and she didn't have any recommendations. Well, I did get a lead for a minority builder, but then it turned out -- I followed up with them and it turned out that they didn't want to participate, primarily because they did business with the school board or wanted business with the school board.

MR. HILLBERG: Right.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Do they have to be -- if it's someone that even works for a construction company or what is the criteria for --

MR. SHIM: Right. If they have a conflict because they work for or are a part of a company that does business with the district, then it precludes them according to the resolution.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Right.

MR. SHIM: I mean, it really is well suited to people who have retired and/or work for another city or municipality to participate.

That seems to be the kind of, you know, things that we're looking for according to resolution.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: So we can approach or whoever can approach the municipalities just like our friend here, you know.

MR. TRACY: Yeah, I'm a contractor, but I'm here as a building official.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Right.

MR. SHIM: Right. But, yeah, I mean, you're at this point in the program where there's probably what, two or three more meetings?

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

MR. SHIM: So, you know, we did what we could in terms of altering the resolution so that the quorum would be a little bit easier. Now it only takes four to make a quorum even though, you know, there's five. You know, we could look at

that, but it's kind of late in the game and it might not be worth it.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Right.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. Let's move to presentations. We have a new person from AECOM.

MS. WHIPPIE: Hi, Tammy Whippie, AECOM.

MR. SHIM: I don't know if this is the right time, but Dave Rhodes, the auditor, was supposed to be here and sort of talk a little bit about some things, but he wasn't able to make it. I think he was out today.

So I'll just say that there is an upcoming board agenda item that he was going to just give a quick overview of and I pulled up the summary of it and there is basically an old audit where there were six items and two of those items are closed and four of them remain open and they discussed it during the audit. And the next time he comes back he'll talk more in detail about that or anything else. And we'll forward to you the audit that -- you know, the summary of the audit that's there.

But, briefly, it looks like the six is, number 1, PM/OR Compliance with Reporting Requirements, that one is partially complete and

1 low risk.

Number 2 is Monthly Scheduling -- Schedule
Report Contractual Completion Dates, and that one
is closed.

Number 3 is PM/OR S/M/WBE Compliance. That one is closed.

Number 4, is Adherence to Standard

Operating -- SOPs for Project Closeout. That one is partly closed, higher risk rating.

And Number 5 is Architect/Engineering and Contract Performance Evaluations, partly closed but still open.

Outdated Standard Operating Procedures for Project Closeout, that one is partially complete and moderate risk and not fully closed.

So he can talk a little bit more about that. He wasn't going to go into detail about it because it's still going before the board on Tuesday but then the next report he can discuss that.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay.

MR. SHIM: We'll send you this so that you have a copy of it.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. Yes, Tom.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: I know the auditor wasn't

here at the last meeting, and I'll be honest with you, I'm not sure what meeting this person was How can we stress the importance of, I mean, I believe this auditor took the position of TaxWatch and was kind of going to be that oversight and I can't remember the last time when we saw them, heard from them, saw a report, and I don't think that's really acceptable. like to stress to the group to please bring that back, that that person should be here to present their findings, report. I mean, if TaxWatch -if TaxWatch couldn't come here it was like, oh, my gosh, we have to Zoom them in or we couldn't do the meeting, and it seems like it's acceptable that we got rid of TaxWatch and now we don't even have this auditor position here. So, not that I didn't enjoy your report, I appreciate it, but I think it's nice to hear and see this person.

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MR. TRACY: Yeah, he was at December; wasn't he?

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Yeah.

MR. SHIM: I'll make sure I convey that message.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Thank you.

MR. HILLBERG: He has staff; right?

MR. SHIM: He does have staff; right.

MR. HILLBERG: So someone from that group could make a report. And that would be -- I would second Chief Demopoulos' statement.

All right. Back to Ms. Tammy from AECOM, Whippen?

THE WITNESS: Whippie, W-H-I-P-P-I-E. Whippie.

MR. HILLBERG: Whippie. Okay. All right.

MS. CARPENTER: So I'm going to make the presentation today for Atkins and AECOM.

Ashley Carpenter with Atkins Realis. Moving on to the Quarterly Highlights, if you want to jump to that. The Quarterly Highlights, so this quarter there were 22 projects that actually -- out of the 335 from this program that moved into closeout and that brought the total in closeout up to 191. The 22 in the quarter represents an average of 7.3 per month, which is the highest so far in the program. And just remember that number later when we talk about the schedule. But this reflects a year-to-year difference of 52 projects that moved into closeout or an average over the year of 4.3 per month. There were two Ribbon-Cutting ceremonies at Park Springs

Elementary and Stranahan High School and 16 school visits this quarter.

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This slide is the snapshot of the project phases on March 31st, 2025 compared to December 31st, which is shown below. And then the next slide that we added, I think, last quarter is basically breaking down those phases. Because we have nine phases. So the first slide only shows them kind of like grouped together and this shows, especially the closeout phases broken down, but you can see from the 135 that showed on the previous slide as construction, 8 of those are still pending the Notice to Proceed for the contractor, 127 of them have construction activities underway. And as of the end of March the average construction percent complete for active projects was 86 percent complete.

And then the four boxes to the right are the closeout spaces. So once it goes into closeout we say, it is substantially complete, then when it achieves the certificate of final completion, you know, final completion, and then financial closeout and then phase 9 for us is closed, done, we're not looking at it anymore. Okay?

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So moving on to the Status & Timeframes of

Remaining Safety and Security Projects. Just as a reminder, the security portion was really the single point of entry projects. Those were finished back in 2019. But the safety projects, the fire alarm and the fire sprinkler, this slide reflects a movement of 22 fire alarm projects into the closeout phase in the last year and 27 fire sprinkler projects that have moved into closeout in the last year.

And then the next two slides are, I'm not going to try to read this, but the reasons or the status for the particular projects that had been flagged for fire alarm scope.

And then moving into the Schedule, so we're going to talk about the Master Program Schedule. The district asked Atkins Realis to pick up the management and the maintaining of the Master Program Schedule. We talked about this a little bit a few months ago, but because we hadn't started it yet we didn't really have anything to report. It started in March of 2025. So this BOC report was that re-baselined schedule. And I just really wanted to kind of highlight here some of the strategy around the changes that were made.

There were program-level constraints that 1 2 were applied to the schedule. And those 3 constraints were that we would maintain an average of 6 project closeouts per month. You 4 5 know, getting the certificate of occupancy is 6 what triggers that closeout phase. So 6 of those 7 per month average. That June, July and December, 8 because those are when mainly when kids are not in the classroom would have lower numbers, 4 or 5 9 10 per month, because, you know, that's when the 11 contractors are out there like trying to complete 12 stuff so you don't really see the occupancy certificates come in until kind of either August, 13 14 at the end of summer, or January, so that those 15 would be a little bit lower. We would have a maximum of 4 projects with fire alarm per month. 16 17 This is still probably too aggressive for us, but 18 I would just make sure there was no more than 4 19 per month out of the 6 that were projected to be 20 complete. And that we were adding a minimum of a 21 year between substantial completion and the end 22 of the project due to the one-year A/E warranty 23 that they have once we get the scheduled 24 completion. So we don't close out the PO for the 25 A/E until a year afterwards. And then we

increased the time between substantial and final. Per contract it's either 30 or 60 days, generally, but just what we've seen in reality is that that's not realistic. So for like the smaller carve-out projects I put 90 days and for our regular primary renovation projects I put 150 days. I was just trying to reflect reality, you know, in this.

Some of the results of these constraints were that the average number of days that the projects kind of shifted from the previous month's schedule to the re-baseline was about 7 months, 211 days. That was an average. And while a few of the projects, the ones that were projected to be finished really soon kind of stayed in the same target month. There were over 40 projects that moved like 300 days or more. They just had to be moved out quite a bit. Again, maintaining that average of 6 per month completion.

And the last SMART project that showed a project completion date of May 2028. So that was quite a bit further out than I think what we had been reflecting before.

And the full load of 6 projects per month ran straight through April 2027.

So what that -- I guess, the reason for like why all of that has to be done, I tried to just jot down like what were some of the things that were driving the delays that we were seeing in the program and, you know, these were things that we knew about, the project teams, everybody knew about it, but it's hard to control and some of the things we've talked about here, too. subcontractors on this program work for multiple GCs and GCs also have multiple projects. lot of cases we have like some of the same subs that might be on half the construction projects or more and they don't have the resources to be able to staff every job simultaneously. because, again, at 86 percent complete, you know, we have pretty much all these projects that are towards the end and everybody's vying for the time of these subcontractors to get out there and just really tidy up, finish their work, do the last punch items, you know, to get done, and they don't have the staff to be able to do it.

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It takes a disproportionate amount of effort to get from 95 percent complete to 100 percent complete. It's just a really hard process. By the time we've gotten to 95 percent complete the

contractors have made the majority of their money, they're on to something where they can -you know, where they're at 20 percent and they
can do big billings and, you know, really throw a
lot of bodies out there and get a lot of work
done and they've pretty abandoned, you know, the
projects that are at 95 percent. So the PM/OR
works really hard to like drag the people to the
site and like get stuff done so that they can
close out the project.

Scope also continues to be added in the form of change orders. So we have talked about that a lot here. As the end of the project happens causing delays of 6 to 12 months; you've got like scope validation; you have to do a design amendment for the additional services; you have to permit that, you know, ASI; the GC has to price the change order; the change order has to be reviewed and approved. You know, this is the 6 to 12-month timeline that all that happens. Then they have to actually construct the work, inspect the work, you know, get the inspections passed.

MR. HILLBERG: May I ask a question?

MS. CARPENTER: Sure.

MR. HILLBERG: And in that time they're finished with all the work so they demobilize. Do you have to pay for remobilization and then another demobilization for that change order work?

MS. CARPENTER: Sometimes we pay for remobilization and demobilization. It really depends on the situation. If the contractor was at all, you know, at fault for these delays, then a lot of times we don't pay for that. But, yes, it could be additional costs as well if it's really right at the end. If we find out this additional scope during final inspections or whatever, then, yes, it could be.

The program has 71 schools in active -- this was as of the end of March, but, anyways, 71 schools in active status that have full fire alarm replacement. The scope is very labor intensive to test and inspect and there are a limited number of fire inspectors. The district has actively searched for more to hire directly and through consultants.

This issue that we wrote down here at the end of March seems to have been resolved only slightly. And, obviously, every project that we

close out the fire alarm and then, you know, there's just -- it's just that everybody's just spread very thin. There are a growing number of projects as well. There were 18 at the time of this report with active claims that were being handled by the Office of the General Counsel. And when claims are filed, as I'm sure you know, there are just associated delays.

MR. HILLBERG: There's no schedule. There's no schedule anymore.

MS. CARPENTER: Well, we try to hold a schedule, but, true, a lot of times things just kind of come to a stop and depending on what type of, you know, claim it is and what the Office of the General Counsel has advised for that.

And then, of course, lack of performance or just poor performance by the GCs or the AE leading to delays, as well.

So all of those kinds of high-level program delays lead to this re- baseline and I will say that now, March, April, May data is in, the schedule is being met with the average of 6 projects completion per month. So that's -- that seems to be a realistic target that is now being met.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: A question before you move on from the schedule, just so I understand it. I know a number of years ago they re-baselined, rescheduled, right, and we said, hey, October 2026 for the last one, just to clarify, we did that again and now we're say May 2028 would be the last one?

MS. CARPENTER: Mm-hmm.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Okay. Thank you.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Looking at the fire alarms that are not done, it's mostly elementary schools.

MS. CARPENTER: Mm-hmm.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Is there any reason why so many elementary schools are not done? Because those children are the most vulnerable.

MS. CARPENTER: Every school has a functioning fire alarm system, first of all. But these upgrades are -- I think the district just has more elementary schools than they have anything else, so that's part of it. But, no, there's nothing particular about elementary schools. And even with these fire alarm projects, even if it's not fully certified and turned on yet, they're very far along in the

project. You know, they probably have 95 percent of the work done, but they still have to -- fire alarm is that one scope, as well, that oftentimes they add devices at the end. You know, we've seen that on so many schools. So -- and I appreciate from the fire department that they want it to be right, you know, they want to make sure everything that needs to be --

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: You don't have to appreciate it.

MS. CARPENTER: Well, I do appreciate that part of it.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: We should do it in the beginning, get it right in the plans, and then not have the need to add it.

MS. CARPENTER: Right. We want it to be right as early as possible.

MR. TRACY: And this is something that we discussed at the workshop I attended where the issue is, you have a plan examiner looking at two-dimensional drawings and then four years later when the project's done and you have a fire inspector go out and walk the project, he realizes, I need a pull station there, you're missing a sprinkler head here, I need a strobe

over here, and it's things that if -- and one of the things that Tommy and I discussed, all of his fire inspectors also review plans. A lot of times in a large organization the people that do the plan review never go out in the field, so it does not -- it doesn't validate their plan They're looking at the same -- and they review. may miss the same thing. You know, a lot of this -- whenever we're building new schools a lot of times they set on a model, you know, look how many elementary schools look identical across the They set a model and they build that county. same school for six, eight, 10 years and then they move on to a new model.

Well, if you're renovating all these schools which are now 25 or 30 years old and you have the same plan reviewer, he's missing those same 10 locations on all 15 schools, it's -- it's problematic.

MS. CARPENTER: Mm-hmm.

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MR. TRACY: And it's something -- if there's a shortage of fire inspectors, I think, you know, let's say an elementary school in Tamarac, maybe reach out to Tamarac Fire Department to, can you send a fire inspector out? It's still Florida

Fire Protection Code.

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Yeah, I would say that CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: the -- your chief fire code official Nathan and the chair of our fire prevention subcommittee here in Broward have a really good relationship. He comes to our meetings every month. Never once have I heard that this is a problem. I do know that they're short-staffed because people go to other departments or whatever it is and then you guys subcontract -- they subcontract with CAP for a lot of things. So, yes, I would -- I would say if it truly is that big of a problem, bring it up to the subcommittee to see if the Fire Chiefs Association would be willing to bless and say, yeah, you know, hey Tommy -- personally, I'd probably say, hey, fire inspector, go there and help them. I know there's some, we're not the AHJ, so it comes into like are we really signing off on something that is not legally ours; so I get that. But even if we could preliminarily do stuff and say, hey, this is wrong or that's right and then their staff comes after.

MS. CARPENTER: Well, that's the thing.

Because he brought up in the meeting yesterday,

telling the project team, don't -- don't wait for

a few different buildings to be ready at this campus to call the fire inspector out, we won't be able to staff up, like we won't be able to be there all day to do your inspection. We just don't have the manpower. So, you know, if -- as soon as the building is ready call them out so that they can just quickly, you know --

MR. TRACY: Spend two hours rather than all day.

MS. CARPENTER: Right. Spend two hours, yes, rather than waiting for three buildings to be ready and then spending the whole day.

So there is -- because he has to say like there's a staffing issue, so there is a staffing issue, but, yeah, I think it's interesting with the prototype thing, too. We could research the prototypes to see like elementary schools that are from a particular group like what added requests they have.

MR. TRACY: What are the common deficiencies that start showing up?

MS. WHIPPIE: Because they do a lot of design on the FISH plan and then the rooms have changed use now, so you're requiring different devices for those rooms.

MR. TRACY: Right.

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MS. WHIPPIE: That's how they got missed; right? So exactly what you said. So if somebody looks at the plan sitting here and didn't walk the site and doesn't know that it's a different usage in that room, so all these delays are -- the change orders she's talking about are mostly fire alarms in that final inspection that that adds another six months to a year to a project.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: I know it's difficult, but I would almost challenge, I know you're not gonna, but give me a code section that says I have to do this. Because I can tell you from training, fire people are like, hey, you have to do it because that's what I've been taught, that's what I've been told, but when you really look at the code it doesn't require many of those The code is a minimum. Granted, if the things. district wants to go above and beyond and say I want all of these things, they can. That's their right. But the minimum is what's on plans most of the time. And in a fully sprinklered building you don't need a lot of fire alarm stuff. again, it seems like it's their decision that they want to go above and beyond the minimum,

which I actually appreciate, I just wish they made that decision earlier. So I would imagine we're here to help if there's some communication between the district and you all that the fire inspectors in Broward County can try to help with, we're definitely open to --

MR. TRACY: Are your inspectors and plan examiners also BORA certified?

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: They all are. Everybody in Broward County.

MR. TRACY: Everybody in Broward County. So, in other words, what they can do, my inspectors and plan examiners can work in any jurisdiction to the county because they have a county license on top of state license. So fire inspectors and fire plan examiners are also -- are countywide. And the supplemental help you're getting from CAP, now Bureau Veritas, a lot of those people also work in municipalities. So it seems like, you know, if there is -- if there is a need, you know, perhaps have -- see if certain fire inspectors or plan examiners throughout the county could be, say, will-call staff or supplemental staff for -- for Broward Schools.

MS. CARPENTER: Yeah.

MR. TRACY: I've done that. I've added four people on my staff that are just full-time inspectors in other municipalities, but I don't have coverage some days, and rather than call the private provider where I have to give them a four-hour minimum, I'd rather call somebody who's working in a neighboring town, hey, what time do you get off today; could you come by at the end of the day and do some work for me for a couple hours?

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: We're open for discussion.

MS. CARPENTER: Thank you.

MR. PATEL: Could we just go back to slide 9 really quick?

MS. WHIPPIE: We're still in the middle of the presentation, just so you know.

MR. PATEL: Like for Driftwood Middle School; is the 5 percent a typo or is that where they actually are?

MS. WHIPPIE: I'd have to get back to you to give you a more solid answer. When we do this report we validate it with all project managers, but I will certainly get an update for you.

MS. CARPENTER: It does -- I mean, the sentence reads like that's correct. It says the

shop drawings have been approved. This work will be completed by summer. So the 5 percent might be right because that was just reviewing the shops.

MS. WHIPPIE: And this was a few months ago.

MS. CARPENTER: Yeah, this was a few months ago.

MR. PATEL: So I'm going to have a very silly question, but they do have like fire alarms at that school; right?

MS. CARPENTER: Oh, yeah, every school has a fire alarm system. The system upgrades that were happening for fire alarms were exactly that, upgrades. The existing system runs until the new system is turned on, is functioning and certified, and then they're able to decommission or I don't know what you call it.

MR. PATEL: Got it. Okay.

MS. WHIPPIE: And if there is a small period that the fire alarm is off, it's very small.

MR. PATEL: And then for page 10 for the Riverglades Elementary School, kind of like the contractor demobilized and issued a notice to cure, but how far does 89 percent get us? What does that mean.

MS. CARPENTER: It doesn't get you anything. If you can't certify the new system, you've got nothing. But even if that contractor ends up, you know, going missing or whatever and we have to get a new contractor, you know, eventually the system will get finished by somebody.

MR. PATEL: Got it. Thank you.

MS. CARPENTER: So you can go ahead and move on, Magen. That's fine. We'll go on to the Big 3.

MR. HILLBERG: Actually, I think this would be -- I hate to -- I'm sorry to interrupt.

MS. CARPENTER: No worries.

MR. HILLBERG: I'm wondering while I'm reading this over the weekend and whatnot that, what is there in this giant program to raise the alarm that this is a process that needs change? And when you see that there is too many subs working on too many projects, too many common subs, that's an alarm. And is there a mechanism to bring those up and make changes? You know, the thing about the final inspection, we didn't catch that, I didn't hear it in this room until the grand jury report dropped. And then it became -- when you read it, it was like, oh, this

is awful. And it's still happening and it's on other parts of the work. Is there communication from the consultants to the staff to say you've got to stop this? This is killing the program.

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And the schedule, the schedule creep, that's That's continuing to happen. that -- that -- that needs a lot of focus to stop it. There are other ways to look at it and it sounds as if you're trying to accommodate the schedule creep when actually maybe there's some other things to do to stop it or work around it. And one suggestion that I have, and I've tried to employ with varying success, is to issue the punch list before substantial completion so that they're working on it. And you try to -- the goal is that there is no punch list, and that would reduce -- I mean, I have a 30-day time from substantial completion contractually to get to final completion. I don't always make it and I'm really struggling to get there. But that's one of the things, is get that punch list out of the way and bring it to their attention so they have time when the full workforce is there to work on it. And that's just another thing.

And, you know, these final inspections are

adding 6 to 12 months, and it's me, I just think that has to be stopped. And I don't know if your experience is different, other members of the board, the committee, excuse me, but I almost think that there should be a decree, thou shalt not make changes after substantial completion.

You have a whole project length to do that.

MS. CARPENTER: This is all happening before substantial completion. So when I say they're calling final inspection, that building's final is happening before --

MR. TRACY: For TCO.

MS. CARPENTER: Mm-hmm.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. Okay.

MS. CARPENTER: Yeah, they don't even issue TCOs right now. And so that's all happening before we get the certificate of occupancy. One thing you said about the punch lists, they do get the punch lists also before the certificate of occupancy. And I kind of use these terms interchangeably and I probably confuse the issue, but there's two separate like parallel paths almost; right? We have an architect of record who is going to issue the paperwork for the substantial completion, they're going to issue a

punch list, and they're going to issue a final completion. And the district has specific forms for that and they're doing that. Then at the same time we're working toward getting the chief building official to sign off on the certificate of occupancy. So sometimes we call that substantial completion, but, technically, that's the certificate of occupancy. Substantial completion is something different. And sometimes the architect of record will give the substantial completion and the final completion much earlier than we -- by "much" I mean like possibly six months or whatever earlier than we can get the certificate of occupancy. And the certificate of occupancy is pretty much what you said, like, there's really no punch list left. I mean, if there's a punch list it's like clean up this It's not really a punch list, you know. area. So by the time we get the certificate of occupancy it's pretty much done.

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But the reason why I added time in between the certificate of occupancy and the OEF 209 form, the -- whatever it's called, final certificate of -- certificate of final inspection, anyway, is because we don't do -- we

try to make sure all change orders are closed out, the time extension requests have been dealt with. Like all of the -- everything has been tied up in a bow before we do that 209. So it's a little bit -- but we might already have substantial and final completion from the architect.

So it's a little weird, but I do understand what you're saying, of course. Rather than accommodating to what our problems, you know, in the program and changing the schedule, you know, fix the problem. And I think -- I mean, we try to work through the problems, obviously, as they come up, and a lot of things have been able to be solved, I guess. But the things that were on this list were still just things that were -- we couldn't.

MS. WHIPPIE: Fire alarm is a good example. Fire alarm, we can't make that schedule come back now, it's too far gone. It didn't happen in the design review. It didn't happen in the shop drawing review. It didn't happen at the first inspection; right; the internal inspection. And in some cases they happened after final inspection. They'll come back for another one.

So it's -- we're already -- we're already past the delays. The delay is -- there's no getting that delay back. So we're kind of stuck at that six to 12 months because now we have to issue a change order, we have to do other things to get it approved because the project is sitting there not getting a final completion.

MS. CARPENTER: And nobody has the ability to say to the AHJ, like, no, you can't add something. None of us have that ability.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: I think last legislative session they changed laws where you do if the AHJ is causing a substantial --

MR. TRACY: Delay.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Delay or, I forgot the word, and I can find it for you, then they shall give you, section, title, everything that is causing the delay. So I'm not saying you can say, no, but you can ask for and demand, please, show me in the code where this is required.

Because if it can save you 12 months by it's not required, just keep us moving forward and add it to a list down the road. I know that's a difficult conversation, but I would also urge, I mean, yes. You can't get a lot of that time

back, but can the fire department come out now and start doing any of those courtesy inspections? Hey, I know you're nowhere near it, but let me look at the plans, let me walk, okay, yeah, this makes sense, good. When I'm finding an issue a month or two months or whatever it is in advance, I tell my people, if you're out for new construction and I see a sign that you haven't put up yet, even though you haven't called about the final inspection, I'm telling you you need a sign there. So you can start ordering it today when I'm not going to be out there for another month. So I -- they need to get their act together. I hate to talk bad about them, but they're horrific. This really is not a good situation. I know in the -- not the Supreme Court case but the --

MS. CARPENTER: Grand jury.

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CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: The grand jury; thank you. They specifically said, it is not wise to have your own fire department and building department because you just control yourselves. It really, legislatively, and I know you can't change it in this room, needs to go back to the local municipalities that regulate it. I have no

vested interest. You need to get it done. We have the staffing to do it. They have 230 schools, 300-and-something schools, whatever it is, we have 3,000 buildings. It's unacceptable, in my opinion. I've already said this for years. I've said it to the higher-ups. So it's just --

MR. TRACY: Yeah, have Broward County do it.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: I was looking for the statute that allows them to contract or subcontract to the local AHJ. So, I mean, there is a statute, I'm pretty sure in 1013 that allows the school district, if they don't have staffing or they need additional help, they can ask for help and it's legal. So I was trying to find that.

MR. TRACY: Send it to an interlocal, which, you know, a lot of -- a lot of municipalities will do interlocals.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: And I can't speak for the authorities. A lot of them won't do anything, but if there's some that could, then it might be helpful.

MR. TRACY: There are some people that feel very protective of their little jurisdictions and they don't want to share or they feel that if

they do sign an interlocal with an adjacent jurisdiction that it will be very one-sided and, they -- you know, if it's not a 50/50 partnership, it's like, you know, I'm not going to do it, I got burned the last time. It's like, you know -- and one other thing that came up in that workshop, one of the senior staff members mentioned, when the bond was issued, that's when they started going into design. And she said that was essentially a three-year delay.

MR. HILLBERG: Mm-hmm.

MS. CARPENTER: Mm-hmm.

MR. TRACY: If -- if the -- and the other thing was the -- the building condition review, the -- you're supposed to --

MS. CARPENTER: Yeah, the needs assessment.

MR. TRACY: Right. The needs assessment and the facilities status, if you have a building that you know is due -- should be due for a renovation in five years, at least get the scope down and maybe some 10 or 30 percent drawings ready to go. That will cut a year and a half, two years off of the process. If you have a shovel-ready project and all of a sudden you get -- you know, the legislature decides to --

well, we have a billion dollars, let's share it equally by population among our 67 counties, wow, you know, we now have, you know, \$150 million that we can invest in infrastructure, we have these 10 projects right here, let's do it. And, you know, so having a 10-year bond and essentially nothing was done except hiring some architects in the first three years is a problem. So you're finishing three years late, well, maybe that's where part of that delay is.

But this whole issue with fire alarms, I know a work around I've done is if a scope has changed during the process of a project and now they want the project closed but they still have this thing, I turn around and I break it out as a separate contract, because it -- it doesn't have a direct impact on life safety, it doesn't have a direct impact on the occupiability of the structure, but this is something that, you know, the owner wanted down the road, fine, let's break this out as a separate permit, you're now in charge of that, and if you don't get it done in so many days we send it to code. You know, if -- if the fire inspectors want enhanced fire safety devices that are above and beyond what the code

minimum is or above and beyond the approved plans, then break it out.

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MS. KRISHNAIYER: A couple of things. One, addressing the needs assessment, the whole bond was done from decision by the school board to everything in three months? It was a bad thing because it was not -- it was a November election, I remember. It wasn't even done during the summer. By the time everything came it was late. It was very late. So there was no time.

So I would put that, the recommendation of the timeline as a recommendation from us. If we are closing shop here with this committee, that's one recommendation that should go forward. Because the next school board -- this is not a decision they can make. It's a decision the school board makes. And this was -- I have no idea, they had to go to the county, you know, the county agreed to put it on the ballot. remember all the confusion at the time. -- better planning is basically what you need. And Tommy's suggestion and yours, too, Bill of getting the fire -- that should be another recommendation, getting the municipalities to assist and not depend entirely on our own -- on

the school district's fire department. I think that would expedite things also. Because it is a tricky situation when the public hears — especially in elementary schools, parents will not be comfortable. And I know there were situations where children, hard of hearing, and other children in a situation where the fire alarm went who were not out in time, even if it was practiced. So there's a lot of those issues that have happened. So I think that should be a couple of recommendations coming from us.

And, lastly, on page 12, the last SMART project shows a projected completion of May 2028. Do we know, is it one project that's already been identified and what is that?

MS. CARPENTER: Yes, I can look up exactly which one it is, but what happened -- I want to -- it's Charles Drew, the HVAC. So there was -- it's kind of a long story, but there was like ice plants and then the district didn't want the ice plants anymore, they wanted a different HVAC system and it all needs to be updated. And it was given to an architect, that was FICE, who we went to litigation with, they were never able to get a permit, the project now has to go back

out for design. It went out for design -- I think it's a board agenda item for Tuesday. It went out to hire the architect to do a new design. AECOM really tried to push it through with like an HVAC contractor but we couldn't do it, you need like a proper design because of all the changes they want to make to it. Anyway, we only got one bidder, Procurement's rejecting all bids. I mean, it's just like a saga of things that happened.

MR. TRACY: Everything that could go wrong.

MS. CARPENTER: That's why this one has -and, by the time we actually do get to
construction, it's going to be a really long
project because there's so much that has to be
done and we're going to need at least two summers
and, you know, yeah.

MR. TRACY: And what's the projected student population at Drew in two or three years?

MS. CARPENTER: I don't know.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Well, I don't think that's going to increase too much.

MS. CARPENTER: No, no. And I do think we will have swing space to be able to move kids around so we can work during the school year.

But it's just a lot. So, yeah, it will be a long duration project.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Thank you.

MR. PATEL: Just one more quick thing. On 13, for the disproportionate amount of effort to get from 95 percent to 100 percent, are those like the 71 schools?

MS. CARPENTER: No, no, that's really any project.

MR. PATEL: That's any project?

MS. CARPENTER: Yeah, that's any project.

Like I said, because the contractors tend to pull away, you know, once they get past a certain point, they send people off other places, yeah, it's just pulling pieces getting them back to the site to finish up deficiencies and -- -

MR. TRACY: It's low priority if there's only 10 grand left in the job.

MS. WHIPPIE: We also have some litigation with the AE, so they're not participating, so we can't close them up because they can't finish the work that they have to finish.

MS. CARPENTER: Okay. So moving forward --

MR. HILLBERG: I'm sorry, Ms. Carpenter, to derail you. But go ahead, please.

So Big 3, Blanche Ely High MS. CARPENTER: School, the project team -- well, let me just say it, I guess it's on here, but basically we've got a couple open change orders relating to a new ramp which is now installed and the installation of a canopy is complete. Now there's a bus loop canopy that was going in conjunction with other like not SMART projects, so they really haven't been reported through our SMART reports. yeah, a lot of work at Blanche Ely and there are a couple of change orders here that need to be closed out. So the project team is projecting completion in October of this year. Though all work has completed there, the SMART primary work, but the final change orders still need to be approved.

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MR. HILLBERG: On Blanche Ely, is it possible that the bus loop renovations are addressing the concerns of one of the residents we had probably a long time ago in one of these meetings? They stood in the back and they made a public presentation that there is just an awful place where the bus loop is and it is not finished?

MS. CARPENTER: Yes.

MR. HILLBERG: Did we -- I never heard what

1 the response was, but --

MS. CARPENTER: Yes, the board funded a project, it was addressing drainage issues, we needed to rework the whole bus loop, also provide covered walkway from the bus loop to -- because some buildings had gotten demolished there a long time ago and then they didn't have any coverage. So those concerns the Blanche Ely community had been asking for for a long time to be addressed and they have now been addressed.

MR. HILLBERG: That's a good story. That's a good result. The community asked, the team delivered. The team responded and delivered. I like that. That's good.

MS. CARPENTER: Moving on to Northeast High School. I mean -- I mean, you can talk about the ribbon-cutting. There was a parade around the bus loop.

MS. WILLIAMS: Yeah, we had a ribbon-cutting. It's not reflected in this quarter because it happened like a couple weeks ago, May -- the second week of May.

MR. HILLBERG: So we have to wait another meeting?

MS. WILLIAMS: But it was actually very well

received. The community was really happy. City officials came out and we livestreamed it on our social media. So if you want to go back and actually see it, you can see from beginning to end the actual event, itself. So we're really excited about that one.

MR. HILLBERG: It was worth the interruption.

MS. CARPENTER: So Northeast High School, the first slide is the SMART GOB project. And there is still work happening in Building 1. But the fire sprinkler work was completed and they were waiting for inspections to be passed there and I think the fire alarm has now been passed. So that building will be complete shortly.

Building 4, smoke vent issue, it looks like there's still a little ways to go on this one.

And Building 5, they were submitting a package for what they needed to close out that building.

So the master schedule completion forecast is November still of this project.

The next slide shows the open change orders for that job. I don't know, November still seems a little optimistic to me with all of these open change orders, but we'll see how quickly they can

1 work through them.

But, again, you know, all three of these schools, the work is essentially done. It's just trying to get from that sort of 95 to 100, you know like we talked about.

MR. PATEL: Ashley?

MS. CARPENTER: Yeah.

MR. PATEL: Just really quick, so the open change orders like for Building 3, for example, so on page 16 for Building 2 it says complete but then on the next page Building 2 says there's an open change order.

MS. CARPENTER: So, yeah, this is a little -this is a little confusing, but the change order
is related to the roofing. The roofer is
actually a separate -- a totally separate
contract. Pirtle is doing the main project and
then we have a contract with the roofer. So it's
a little confusing, but, yeah, the roof carve out
has a change order, as well. But all of Pirtle's
work in Building 2 is complete. Sorry, we could
probably make that more clear next time in the
slide.

MR. PATEL: Thank you.

MS. CARPENTER: The new classroom addition, I

mean is -- as you guys know, it's been occupied, but there's still -- and it's 95 percent complete. The main thing that was left not completed was in Building 12. That was an existing building that required fire sprinkler. It was not known until very late in the project. So the fire sprinkler work the ASI, I guess, was approved, and the contractor has submitted shop drawings. As soon as those are approved they're going to do the work. I think that's scheduled to happen this summer, from what I remember from yesterday's meeting. And then I know that the contractor has submitted their change order for the work. So that's all moving forward. master schedule forecast says that that's going to be complete in December. But, hopefully, they'll get through the majority of the work this summer.

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MS. KRISHNAIYER: I was at Northeast about a month ago, I think, and everything looks really nice. Some of the new buildings are very nice and, you know, we went around the school, it was -- it looks good now, but, you know, hopefully, it will -- and the parents were pleased. We were meeting with the parents and

they were very pleased with what was going on.

MS. CARPENTER: Great.

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And then Stranahan High School, there is a kiln room -- there was a change order related to the kiln room. It says that's 99.5 percent complete, the work is. And then there was a Castaldi report done on Building 17. recommendation is that that building needs to be demolished. So that got de-scoped from the SMART -- from the SMART project. And there was an engineering report in progress for Building 18 with potential structural issues. So, just again, working through those last things that they are not able to get their building final because of these. This was one where the contractor got terminated a long time ago, we had to bring in another contractor to assume all the -- all the multiple permits. I don't know if there's a surety but there might be. like tons of failed inspections and things that the new contractor had to work through. they're projecting that one for November 2025 completion.

maybe not.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS:

Maybe a dumb question,

MS. CARPENTER: Sure.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: When you get reports that say, you know, structural issues or building should be demolished, that's related to like to the building official or fire official like, hey, is it being occupied, do we have to evacuate and stuff? Okay.

MS. CARPENTER: Absolutely. Yeah. Yeah. Everybody's involved in those discussions and, yeah, if a building needs to be vacated and, you know, roped off or whatever until we can fund the demolition of it; yeah, yeah, yeah.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Thank you.

MS. CARPENTER: Okay. So looking at change orders, yeah, the next slide about the change order policy. You guys have seen this slide before, that's the current policy, but I did just want to give an update that this Tuesday at the board meeting we have an item going to approve the new revisions to Change Order Policy 8000. So that's exciting. The board was very happy about it and receptive. It says changes are basically -- in Rule 1 it's increasing the authority of the superintendent to approve change orders up to \$25,000 based solely on the

recommendation of the BCPS Director of
Construction so it went from 5,000 to 25,000.
Rule 2 states that all change orders above 25,000
will be reviewed by CORP, that's our Change Order
Review Panel. And Rule 3 increases, this is the
big one, increases the cumulative limit per
project to 10 percent of the original
construction project amount. So it was 3 percent
and it's now going to be 10 percent. And after
the 10 percent limit is reached, each change
order has to go to the board for approval unless
it's less than \$25,000.

MS. WHIPPIE: That's huge.

MS. CARPENTER: Yeah, that's huge. I didn't even know they were putting in that last part.

So -- and then Rule 4 doesn't have any changes.

So those are the changes that the board gave us feedback at the workshop when we talked about, I don't even think we asked for this much, and the board was like, no, take more, you know, raise it to 10 percent, whatever. Just because, you know, I mean their reasoning was, you know, what construction project doesn't like increase by 10 percent, you know? That's almost a normal thing in a lot of cases. So it makes sense to

carry a 10 percent contingency and then just allow change orders to happen up until that point. Again, unless -- if it exceeds that, then it will go to the board. So even though we've explained to the board our change order percentages, you can go to the next slide and we can talk about it --

MR. HILLBERG: I had a request.

MS. CARPENTER: Okay. I had this really smooth transition to the next slide, but, okay.

MR. HILLBERG: I hope this is worth it then. It's a lot of pressure.

So a question to staff, and perhaps Omar I'll direct it to you is that, can -- or should we have a blurb in the report above this section saying that the project team and the Bond Oversight Committee staff or members have worked together with the school board to bring attention and the need for these changes?

It's the quarterly report. It's the Bond

Oversight Committee report. It's our report and
that's one of our achievements, I think, and it

ought to be noted.

MR. SHIM: I agree. I think that's a great idea.

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MR. SHIM: And I think maybe when we do the board workshop materials we could include something in there that indicates that.

MR. HILLBERG: Mm-hmm.

Other than that it's been a waste of time.

I don't want that in the record, but it's going to be in there.

All right, Ashley.

MS. CARPENTER: Okay. So looking at our cumulative change orders to-date, you know, we've always talked about our overall program-wide change order percentage is very low on the program. It's nowhere near 10 percent. Though there have been some projects that probably have gotten there, yes, and lots of projects that have had no change orders.

So the left side of this slide shows the cumulative amounts on the program by category, the category meaning the tax savings and owner request are net credit to the owner and tax savings are all credits. Owner requests could be an add or a credit, but typically it's a credit on this program. We don't really allow the owner

to add much. And then consultant error, omission, and unforeseen conditions have added, you know, costs to the program.

And then the right-hand side of the slide shows this quarter amounts only for a total of about \$560,000 for the quarter. This is really well below the average. I looked at the average over 2024 and the average per quarter was 1.02 million per quarter. So this quarter was very low for cumulative change orders.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Question, when on the agenda for Tuesday is this coming up, the policy?

MS. CARPENTER: It's a PP item. I want to say PP-4.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: I'm looking at the agenda and you have about 14 change orders coming under JJ.

MS. CARPENTER: Yeah. Yeah.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Okay.

MR. HILLBERG: But, yeah, the policy changes is PP. So anything on the agenda for this meeting follows the old policy. For next meeting we'll start following -- if it gets passed we'll start following the new policy.

And then moving on to the next slide, this is

about the S/M/WBE reporting for the PM/OR contract. They are currently tracking -- as of the end of March they are tracking 45.43 percent, which is above -- above their committed amount of 45 percent.

And then moving on to the Risk Assessment. The risk for this quarter essentially stayed the same, 722 million increase to the original SMART budget. It's the 70 percent risk result. That stayed the same from last quarter.

As you can see from the graph on the right, the predictions have remained very stable over the past two years. We just -- you know, there have been things that have happened on the program for sure, but overall the risks that we put into the program a couple of years ago have been able to absorb, you know, whatever has happened on the program. So it's tracking pretty much as expected at this point.

And now I will ask if there are any questions or hand it over to Omar for the budget update.

MR. HILLBERG: Any questions?

MR. PATEL: Thank you.

MR. HILLBERG: Thank you. We apologize for the interruptions.

MR. SHIM: Yeah, so this quarterly update is for the quarter ending in March. On this slide the total SMART budget is 1 billion 718.2. And this is the first quarter that it's actually decreased from the prior quarter. And that's sort of going to what Ashley is talking about, there's less risk. And what that really means is that we've reduced project budgets because of project closeouts beyond what we've increased it with any change orders. So that really shows that the risk has leveled off. And so that's a pretty good achievement.

You can see the expenditures -- I mean, the expenditures and commitments are pretty much all there accept for, you know, the pre-project balances are about 101 million and that's just inside the project as they complete them and finish them up.

The next slide shows expenditures of 42.8 million for the quarter. The other figure shows the expenditures and purchase orders.

But we added this next slide as a little bar graph to show what the expenditures are doing and the blue part of the bar is the GOB and you can see the last two bars have no more GOBs. And

this includes interest and everything in there and we also had a premium part of the GOB beyond the 800 million. So we've spent all of that, the interest and everything else, and we're really just spending capital dollars to complete the commitments that we made in this program. And so that, you know, again, shows some progress that we've -- we've already peaked, you can see Quarter 4 2023, we had about 73, \$75 million in that quarter.

MR. HILLBERG: Last meeting I recall we were thinking that there was a peak last -- last meeting. But is that just construction only?

MR. SHIM: Well, at this point there is just construction only. I think in the beginning of the program we were spending primarily on other things, like, you know, the music equipment and the IT things. But, you know, those finished up early and the bulk of the funds that you spend when you have your peak program is in the construction program.

MR. HILLBERG: Yes. Okay.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: So just, question. We should never see another blue line going forward; right; since we've already spent --

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CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: For us firefighters that need pop-up books and color coding.

MR. SHIM: Right.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Thank you.

MR. SHIM: These are Gator colors, I guess.

Financial Closeout, you know, we've done pretty good in financial closeouts. We have about \$12 million in savings and we're closing out at a -- as Ms. Carpenter said, you know, averaging about, what was it, 7 projects per month?

MS. CARPENTER: 6. 6, 7; yeah.

MR. SHIM: So that's basically my report.

MR. HILLBERG: So the 102 million, approximately, that's the balance remaining and that's all the funds there are. Is that enough to wrap everything up?

MR. SHIM: Now, let me explain that a little bit better. That's actually free balance. So it's the portion of the project that isn't tied up inside of a contract.

MR. HILLBERG: Budgeted but not encumbered.

MR. SHIM: Right. It's not encumbered. So, basically, it's a portion that's left for

furniture and equipment or other purchases, work orders to finish up, you know, other things in the project. So it's -- or any change orders would be included.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay.

MR. SHIM: That's not included in the project though.

MR. BROWN: If I can just add, as Ashley said, the risk is fully budgeted.

MR. HILLBERG: Mm-hmm.

MR. BROWN: So it should be enough to finish up the program.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. Thank you.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Even with the new projected 2028 date?

MR. BROWN: If Ashley's risk projection is correct; yes.

MR. SHIM: And if you look at it program-wide, even with those projected out dates, we still have dollars inside the project that are set aside for risks. We have change orders contingencies, we have project -- the project contingency that initially is designed to have that. And as we close those out we'll get dollars back. And if there are risks involved

with that project or the handful of projects that are still there, this -- the recovering these funds will absorb that risk. So that's the design of it. Right.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. Mm-hmm.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: So we're not expecting to put more money into it.

MR. SHIM: Precisely. And I'm very happy to say that.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Because the budget doesn't look good for what is coming for -- you know, to K-12.

MR. SHIM: Capital is doing -- yeah, that's true. Capital is still doing okay. I mean, you know, we -- we -- this year we're projecting -- we had projected a nearly 6 percent increase in our capital revenue -- in our millage, so --

MS. KRISHNAIYER: The last I heard 70 percent of the proposed budget for pre-K through 12 is coming out of property taxes.

MR. SHIM: Well, I haven't heard that.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Yeah. In the conference agreement. That's the last word I heard two days ago. But they haven't voted on it. How would that affect our budget? And, also, following

that, the proposal to reduce property taxes or do away with them, that would be a blow for the school district.

MR. SHIM: Well, I mean, what you're saying seems to be in conflict with itself. Because if they're putting more burden from the required local effort from the state funding on the local taxpayer, then, you know, you can't do away with property taxes, because that's --

MS. KRISHNAIYER: And are we are at the top of -- I don't remember where we are at the millage rate. Are we capped out?

MR. SHIM: No. Not in the overall millage rate. In capital we -- we leveraged the maximum at 1.5 mils, and in General Fund it's the required local effort. And the whole -- all of the millage is below what the state requires in terms of the capital millage.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Well, it's not looking good, unfortunately, so -- it's depressing.

MR. SHIM: Yeah, there's a lot of -- there's a lot of pressure on particularly operating funds for districts from the federal government and from state. And a lot of it is going, you know, looking at moving funds to private schools or

1 charter schools and things like that.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Right. Schools of Hope or whatever they are.

MR. SHIM: And our enrollment. So that's certainly pressure that we're seeing. So --

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Thanks.

MR. HILLBERG: Before we move on from the financial part, I want to ask about, how did the school board close out the school choice programs, projects? And there is in the page way far in the pages 405 it showed that one Gulfstream Academy still has \$100,000, so I guess they haven't used their budget for that, but --I remember there was a struggle for a while that some schools would expend some of the money but they still had a balance and there was kind of some hand wringing about how do they get down to zero and I wondered what happened with that.

MR. SHIM: Generally speaking, the schools would spend their money in the school choice program and if there were a few dollars left we would probably sweep the balances. Gulfstream Academy, I believe that's a --

MR. BROWN: It got changed.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Montessori.

MR. SHIM: Right. It got changed from -moved. And so those funds weren't used. So
we'll sweep those probably.

MR. BROWN: I think we did.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Send it to Broward Estates.

MR. SHIM: I mean, Broward Estates is probably the one where, you know, we have remaining funds that we are changing, I guess, because -- so that's still being discussed. There was some discussion about that when they redefined the school.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: I'll be there Saturday.

MR. HILLBERG: And the last question is at the end of the report, in the 500 range, there's a whole list of pages and pages of projects that are completed and meet standards, and some of them have balances. And all the way at the bottom is \$37 million is the total. And I can guess what that's for, but I would like, if you don't mind, an explanation.

MR. SHIM: All right. That's the completed and meets standards?

MR. HILLBERG: Yes. They're just waiting to be swept is what I'm thinking. It takes board action.

MR. SHIM: Right. Most of them are either in financial closeout, and so they're in some sort of stage of financial closeout where we're, you know, closing out the project and that's basically what that's for. We utilize the e-Builder statuses. When they reach a certain status then we put them in that section and then we begin the financial closeout process.

MS. CARPENTER: So when we say it's in closeout they move it to, you know, complete, but we still have four phases. I mean, it has to move through phases 6, 7 and 8 before it gets to really 9 and then we can, you know -- we're always working on pulling the money out as soon as we can. We're always trying.

MR. HILLBERG: It was nice to see many, many of the lines were just blank. So they're done and completely financially closed out.

Okay. Thank you.

MR. SCOTT: Good evening. My name is Michael Scott, Economic Development & Diversity

Compliance Department. I'll be presenting today.

This slide is an overview of a single award SMART project, Margate Middle School from Fiscal Year

25, Quarter 3. While the awarded prime, James

Pirtle Construction Company, are not a certified firm, three subcontractors are each certified under our program. The total amount committed to small businesses was \$3.28 million.

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EDDC has continued to work to increase district awards to certified small minority firms. Based on our recent criteria data, this slide offers a breakdown of the certified subcontractor commitments by ethnicity and gender and the certified subtotal. As I stated previously, all three subcontractors enjoying the contract are BCPS certified firms.

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This slide reflects the breakdown of certified firms by ethnicity and gender and by industry category as well. During the reporting period male-owned firms represented 49 percent of certified firms and female-owned firms equated to 51 percent of our certified firms. I also want to point out that EDDC has ongoing marketing and outreach to veteran-owned firms to get certified businesses to pursue opportunities within the district.

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This slide indicates the spend analysis breakdown from Fiscal Year 15, Quarter 2, to the quarter ending March 31st, 2025. The economic impact of the SMART Bond Program yielded \$566.2 million in prime dollars and commitments that went to local small businesses against the overall total of \$1.9 billion.

In addition, EDDC began tracking the subcontractor commitment cumulatively as of Fiscal Year 22 Quarter 4. To date the cumulative subcontractor commitment is \$129.5 million. A breakdown of the cumulative total has gone to 79 certified small businesses, this includes 36 design firms at \$92 million and 43 contractors at \$474.2 million.

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Cumulative spend from Fiscal Year 15 to present is based on data provided by the capital budget department. This slide reflects economic impact of the SMART Bond Program, which has yielded \$566.2 million in prime dollars that went to small businesses.

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EDDC Marketing & Outreach Activities seeks to maximize engagement through innovation and

contract awards for small and local businesses in district procurement opportunities. Here we have an overview of our EDDC hosted events and trainings from January to March, we do have one there in April, as well as the partner events in which the department participated. Over 900 attendees participated in EDDC events and trainings and we've engaged 150 small businesses at several of our partner events.

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We have also conducted target outreach to 729 firms on procurement opportunities and certification during the quarter. In addition to our concierge service activities, department-wide we engaged in over 3,000 additional marketing activities including Community & Stakeholder Meetings, technical assistance calls, emails and meetings. Lastly, we launched a new and improved YouTube channel featuring training and event highlights.

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And the latest edition of On Point with EDDC, our quarterly newsletter, continues to broaden the reach of the program throughout Broward and beyond. It features an array of content to keep

our stakeholders abreast of department initiatives, as well as procurement opportunities and contract awards and other need-to-know events and information.

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This is page 2 of our newsletter highlighting March of 2025 as Women's History Month and May 2025 as Small Business Month. We also -- we also featured the results of a solicitation reserved for small businesses and appealed to local small veteran businesses to get certified with Broward Schools. The solicitation was pressure cleaning, which was only for small business.

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In closing, as always, we invite you to follow us on all our social media platforms to stay current on EDDC programs and initiatives and to find resources for the small business community. Please like and share.

Thank you. I do have one point I do want to make. We have currently implemented our certification module through B2G so firms, it's a full on-line process, a streaming process, that we can certify them in 20 days through the streaming process. Thank you.

MR. TRACY: So any minority businesses that think they -- they'd be qualified to contract with the school board, they can go through this process and if they meet the criteria they'll be approved in 20 days?

MR. SCOTT: Yes. Yeah.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: That's good.

MR. HILLBERG: I included some of the points in my notes to go to the workshop last time. I didn't make it to the workshop because they switched their agenda and my vacation time I had to take ran out so I had to go back. But I do -- I did want to give you credit for bringing money and keeping money in the local area.

MR. SCOTT: That is definitely our mission and our goal.

MR. HILLBERG: Thank you. Okay.

MS. WILLIAMS: Well, good evening. My name is Deniece Williams. I am one of your communication liaisons on the AECOM team. And this is your Communications Update for Quarter 2 FY25.

So, quarterly highlights, the two takeaways that I wanted to bring your attention to here are just the website visitors, we have seen an uptick

in the last couple of quarters. As we are in the community and doing different events we noticed that we have been getting some traffic to the sites where we are doing ribbon-cuttings in the community. So that's been a positive thing to And then with regards to our social media performance, Superintendent Hepburn finally joined. Like he's like on all these platforms So when we are posting noteworthy content, now. we've tagged him as a collaborator and it's given us a little bit of a boost in some of our So as you see on Instagram, our content. impressions have significantly increased. And we hope that as we have more projects close out and we are tagging the Broward County officials and Dr. Hepburn's pages that we will see that number increase further.

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During this quarter we did have two ribbon-cuttings. The art and music room at Park Springs Elementary was very well attended. We did have quite a few city officials that participated in the event and Dr. Hepburn also played the piano, so that was really fun to see. And then during the quarter we also had the

Stranahan, the new cafeteria's ribbon-cutting, which was very well attended. We did also have some media that attended the event. And I think we probably had the most attendance from all the board members. A county-wide board member came as well. It was a really great occasion. students really loved the space. They were able to get in a couple of days ahead of ribbon-cutting and we were really excited to see some of the options that they had were beyond anything that we could have imagined when we were going to school. So I think that the kids are really happy with the space. And the superintendent did take the opportunity to join in and have lunch with some of the kids. So it was a really fun event and obviously Stranahan is a high-profile project. And this, like some of the others, was something that the community asked for that wasn't necessarily part of the original scope. So it was good that we were able to, you know, finally close out that project and deliver it to the community.

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MR. HILLBERG: So, just to reiterate, the whole controversy with the lunch room and the

additional seats and we had public comment on that, and so that is all over, everybody more or less is as happy as could be expected?

MS. WILLIAMS: Everyone so far has been very excited and everyone's even really happy with the options that are provided. There is ample seating inside, in air and on the patio outside.

MS. WHIPPIE: Covered.

MS. WILLIAMS: Covered patio; exactly. So we saw kids using both spaces and even in some of like the spillover areas in between the adjacent buildings. So we haven't heard anything yet, so hopefully that just means that they're enjoying the space and onto the next deficiency.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: The most important thing is the students are happy. You know, there will always be complaints from others, but if the students are happy with the setting and what they're experiencing, I think that's what's most important.

MS. WILLIAMS: Yes. Exactly. And I think there are some minor improvements that are happening over the summer just to kind of put the final bow on the project and then the space is already in use and being fully enjoyed by

everyone. So --

MR. HILLBERG: I was really -- I don't know, I thought that was a huge problem, we're never going to fix this, everybody's going to be unhappy, and somehow the project team pulled it together and it's, everybody's very, very happy with it. So kudos. Well done. I mean, that's -- rescued. Thank you.

MS. WILLIAMS: And then Celebrating
Milestones, this was more so just we were happy
that you guys were able to come to Margate
Elementary School. Any opportunity that we have
to kind of show you some of the work that's been
done with the program, I know we're here now, but
if we are able to for the next meeting, if it
makes sense, we definitely would like to get you
guys to see some of the other projects. And
while we're here, as we're planning
ribbon-cuttings coming up in the next few months,
we will extend the invitation and we would love
to see you there if you guys have availability to
celebrate with the schools. So just keep that in
mind.

MR. HILLBERG: I would like to.

MS. CARPENTER: We should have the next

1 meeting in the Stranahan cafeteria.

MR. HILLBERG: I would go for the square pizza.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: For the ribbon-cutting, it's just a as soon as you know those dates.

Because I love seeing them, but then I look at my calendar, it's like next week and I can't make it. So as early as possible let us know.

MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. Yeah, as soon as we identify the dates we'll make sure that we get that over to Capital and they'll extend the invitation to you guys.

MR. HILLBERG: Yeah, I need at least two days, that's the minimum I can apply for the time off, so --

MS. WILLIAMS: Okay.

MR. HILLBERG: And I'll be glad to attend.

MS. WILLIAMS: All right. Okay.

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And Keeping The Community Informed, the numbers here are -- well, the 16 site visits, one thing I wanted to point out, that's actually more so only for construction. We actually do visit the sites a lot more than that when we're planning ribbon-cuttings, going to events. We

are currently actually working on a campaign to emphasize the use of the spaces that have been completed. So we visit the campus more much than This 16 here is only when we are just that. capturing ongoing construction progress and we send our videographer or digital photographer out to capture. So I wanted to clarify that. then the media mentions, we have been working very closely with the Office of Communications to make sure that we invite the public -- or the media to come and join when we have ribbon-cuttings so that they can then share the good word with their local communities. were really excited to have CBS4 come out and cover the Stranahan cafeteria. So that one was a big one, so we were really happy that we did get some good feedback there.

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And, as Michael mentioned, we've worked with EDDC to help with some of the marketing and collateral material for their outreach events.

One thing he didn't mention that I think is worth noting, that all of their events have been so well attended. There's usually only standing room only. So I feel like that is a really great

thing to emphasize, how the community is receiving their outreach and in hopes to make sure that we are well positioned to have as many qualified vendors to do the work that is needed by the school district. So it's really exciting to see and we've heard, you know, the buzz has been very palatable in the community. district has participated, I know that Chair Hixon and Superintendent Runcie -- Superintendent Hepburn, sorry, attended a couple of the last events and it was on a lot of the different social media. So I think that the word is out and people are really excited to reengage with Broward Schools. So we work with them to just create some collateral materials, some social media content, and just flyers and notifications so that they can share it with the small businesses to get them to participate in the events.

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And then the last slide that I'll share is the Informing Through Social Media. This is just a kind of a recap of some of the posts on each of the platforms. We have had 81 social media posts during this quarter to our over 3,000 followers. We are working actively to increase that number.

Hopefully, now with our collaboration with Dr. Hepburn, he will be able to broaden our reach even more. So we hope that next quarter when we report the numbers that you can see a significant increase on participation. And then this is for Instagram and for X. You know, the content on X, the one thing I will note is that we have been kind of seeing a little bit of a decrease in the followers, not necessarily people unfollowing us, but just leaving the platform in general. you know, we do gain followers, we're also losing followers. So if you kind of see the numbers fluctuating we've researched and noticed that that was what was attributed to the loss, so just to kind of bring that to your attention. that is it. If you have any questions --

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MS. KRISHNAIYER: Not a question, but
Friday's district -- and I think John's team sent
out, you know, upcoming events, you know what I'm
talking about, maybe, you know, we could be
featured, some of these can be featured in it.
And, also, occasionally -- not occasionally, a
certain, you know, with -- what month is this? I
don't know. But whatever month board members,
you know, speak about it and it's on social media

and it's sent out through the app, maybe Dr.

Hepburn can do some of these with regards to -
because, you know, he did one for the end of

school, end of the school year, that kind of

thing. So if he is, you know, in collaboration

with you guys, maybe he can tape something about

this and have it sent out. I mean, I get it

regularly.

MS. WILLIAMS: Well, we do collaborate with the Office of Communications and also with BECON. So all of these videos that were produced after, the recaps from the ribbon-cuttings, do get distributed on BECON.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Mm-hmm.

MS. WILLIAMS: We are in the process right now, as I mentioned, on a campaign that is called, we're calling it SMART In Action, where we are going back to some of the previously completed spaces and interviewing the specialists that are using the spaces to kind of get the firsthand account of what's happening and how it's impacting teaching and learning and how it's been received by the final, the end user. And so the goal there is to then distribute it to all of the different channels that we have, so it will

be on, obviously, our social media, but we are going to then also send it on BECON. And our plan is to put together a couple of different ways to distribute it in the community for back to school, so that when everyone gets back and as we are gearing towards the closing out of SMART, just reminding people why we did what we did and how it's being felt and the impact that it's having on the students. So you will see more to come on that in the next quarter's report.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Thanks.

MR. TRACY: I have a comment on that, too. Well-produced, basically, publicity about these schools and getting it out there, because there are people that automatically think, well, I'm just going to go to charter. Show what dynamic choices the public schools have, and it's right down the street. You don't have to drive your child to this place or that place just because you're afraid of taking the FCAT, or whatever it's called now.

MS. WILLIAMS: Yeah, so we have been communicating with the Office of Communications and we are not producing the content in a silo. We have taken into account some of the schools

that are under-enrolled and do need that extra But we are focused on letting the improvements drive the content. And so if when we do, for example, Park Springs, we had the art and music room, that also happens to be one of the schools that are under-enrolled to some degree, and so we want to make sure that we include that content and push it out to as many places as we can in collaboration with whatever they are doing in the redesigning process. we, you know, if there is a good story to tell and they're on that list, we just give it an extra little boost of TLC to make sure that we drive home the point of all of the offerings that -- and all the renovations that have been done to improve that space. So it's definitely something that we take into account as we produce the content.

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MS. KRISHNAIYER: Charter schools cannot offer what public schools offer. There's -- I don't know of a charter school in Broward that has the same, not only facilities, but the equipment, the programs that a public school can offer. So he's right. They go to charter schools, but then they turn around and come back

and the money stays there.

MR. HILLBERG: Good point.

MR. TRACY: Yeah. My wife, when she was a principal, basically, after Easter every year she would reach out to all the local day cares to make sure that those kids that were going to start kindergarten the following year or VPK would come to her school and take a tour to see what's available locally in your neighborhood. And, you know, talk to the teachers and, you know, wouldn't this be a nice place to come to?

MS. KRISHNAIYER: The lunches are great.

They are. We have I think an excellent food service. The choices and what they offer is really good. I have eaten school lunches.

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. The next part is the Auditor's Report and I believe we already did that.

And moving on to the next -- the workshop,

July 29th. I attempted to go to the last one and

I was not successful, but I don't know if that

means I did my turn or should I try again?

MR. SHIM: So I have -- well, I mean, the way that we've been doing it is, you know, reserving

a spot on the board workshop and try to get the first meeting. We've had mixed success with that over the years. But, you know, they have this new thing about doing the committee reports. And I can bring this back and try to see if, if they have a committee report that day, what I could try to do is try and see if I could get the Bond Oversight Committee to be a part of that and to do the first portion of it, as least provide a quick update. Because usually the portion is, you know, a quick update; right? Basically what we discussed during the meeting --

MR. HILLBERG: Mm-hmm.

MR. SHIM: And so they can have that and, you know, what would take up the bulk of the meeting when we do a workshop with us is really they ask questions of staff. Which by and large, you know, they have a monthly report and all these other reports. So I think that maybe that might be a good idea, if we -- if you guys agree, I can take that back and try to see if I can create a forum in the committee reports.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. Any objection?

MS. KRISHNAIYER: No, it would probably save you some time.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Is it the same audience?

MR. HILLBERG: It's the same audience; yeah.

MR. SHIM: It's the same audience but there's other committees there that will give their report as well. And then you won't have necessarily the diversion of all the questions going to staff because it will be more about the committee and what you're doing in the committee and you can -- you know, you'll have more of a forum to be able to discuss things and see what other committees do as well and have a broader discussion. So --

MR. HILLBERG: That would be interesting.

MR. SHIM: Yeah. So if you want to try that I can talk to --

MR. HILLBERG: Yes, please.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: It'll be on time.

MR. HILLBERG: Pardon?

MS. KRISHNAIYER: It'll be on time. That's the only thing.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. And I also am less than -- I'm about 20 minutes away, let's say half an hour away, so I could wait and you could say, yeah, your time's coming up and I could hop in the car and be here, so --

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Or you can bond last so that the focus is on bond.

MR. HILLBERG: However it works.

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MR. SHIM: Being last, if you ask me, is -being last, if you ask me, kind of like puts your
time up in the air. Being first is kind of the
prime spot where you can at least control your
time at that point.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Because the others are sometimes complaints.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. I'd like to hear it, though. I'd like to hear what other committees are doing. So I guess I just volunteered for that again. Okay.

MR. SHIM: Okay. If I might have a moment of privilege to --

MR. HILLBERG: Sure.

MR. SHIM: I have these certificates that I wanted to kind of hand out. So thank you.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Thank you.

MR. SHIM: For you.

MR. HILLBERG: Thank you.

MR. SHIM: Certificate of appreciation from the superintendent.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Thank you, Omar.

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MR. HILLBERG: Very nice.

MR. SHIM: Thank you all for everything that you do. We very much appreciate it.

MR. HILLBERG: That was nice what you said at the last meeting, that you thought this committee had brought a lot of positive change or communication to things. That was nice. I struggle with how to be effective here. I mean, proofreading a report, I don't know that that does anything, any benefit. But trying to see what the big picture is, what things we can act on, what things we can be a conduit for communication, what things we can help push, that's been -- that's been -- so thank you.

MR. SHIM: Well, we've come a long way and I think that what -- you know, I've been to other committees. Last week I was at the Facilities

Task Force and provided some input and got feedback from that committee. But one thing strikes me about this committee is really the various expertise that this committee brings and your perspective. You know, this resolution that created this committee picked out certain expertise to provide input. And albeit we

haven't been able to really fill the committee out, but the input that we've gotten back is really from a perspective of your experience and the things that you've done and I think that that's tremendous to the program. Over the years, you know, we've had our problems, but, you know, the input from the committee to me has always been a good -- a good discussion. never -- I don't think we've wasted time here. That's not -- contrary to my feeling about the discussions that we've had is that they've been very productive and provide good feedback. mean, the list of things that I wrote down, you know, they're still continuing. We're towards the end of the program but we're still talking about many of the improvements that the district still needs to make. So --

MR. HILLBERG: Mm-hmm.

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MS. CARPENTER: And I just want to add that, I don't want you at all to feel like it wasn't valuable. Because we're still doing projects. Not every project in the capital program is in this 526-page report. There's a lot of projects that are outside of the bond that we're starting and we're doing now and we're in design and we're

taking the feedback and the lessons learned from this program into future projects. And so even, anything that you bring up right now, even if it can't get implemented in the things we're trying to close out in SMART, you know, we are still making continuous improvements and processes and procedures, you know, for the future. So I think the district has matured a lot in their use of technology, in their -- you know, the SOPs that we have now are much more developed and mature for future work, you know? And you guys have been a part of that and I think that that's really important.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay.

MR. TRACY: Another thing regarding software. I know it would be problematic for an organization like the school board, you know, they may have 50 general contractors and 300 various subcontractors working at any one time, but I know I've worked with some larger companies and when they're looking at allocation of resources, primarily manpower and subs, using software such as Primavera Enterprise, where if you know that you have a particular subcontractor that is contracted on 50 separate projects, if

you could get that into something like Enterprise and see that, well, on this week that contractor is scheduled to be on 30 sites, that's not going to happen. And then you can say, well, what's our top priority? And you can then tell those contractors that hired that particular sub, look, this sub is -- he's schedule on 30, we can only allocate him to 5. That's what his manpower is. So I want you, contractor A, and you, contractor B, and you contractor C, you're running those five projects and they're behind, you get -- you get this guy. The other ones can wait a week or two.

MS. CARPENTER: They have to wait. Yeah.

MR. TRACY: And that's one of the -- you know, one of the things. It's not just, you know, subcontractors. You can use it for equipment deliveries. You can look at, you know, other expenses and things that show up as delays. They can kind of -- they then sort of ripple through the entire Enterprise program and you can see that, why is -- why is project 23 delayed 10 days? And you can do the investigation. So it's because project 10 has a problem that's now affecting project 23 because of the critical

1 path.

MS. CARPENTER: Right. No, it's great. It's great feedback. And we've really only been able to somewhat do that at the prime level, not really at the sub level. And it's great -- it's great feedback for, you know, future work to try to implement and look at those things at the program level, because --

MR. TRACY: Right. And the other thing is to look at, if 10 of the projects are a particular school prototype and you start seeing an issue, I know when I was -- when I was just a carpenter building schools, we had this one prototype, Coral Park.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Coral Park with all the glass on top.

MR. TRACY: Right. Right. That one -- that project I think took them five years to complete and they had committed to five of them.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Riverside.

MR. TRACY: Yeah. And the last one, I think, was Sandpiper. And that was done in half the time.

MS. CARPENTER: That's interesting.

MR. TRACY: Because all the problems, I mean,

it was -- it was an interesting --

MS. CARPENTER: Is that prototype with the skylight, like a pyramid?

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Yeah. It's pretty and it's very convenient with the walkways and stuff.

MR. TRACY: But it was designed by a design firm out of west Texas and that was to take advantage of the very dry climate that it would limit -- it would minimize the amount of air-conditioning. Well, we're in a tropical monsoon climate and it's not workable. And the mechanical system was so hefty it went into the activity room, the music room, and a section of the ceiling goes down to about four feet off the floor because there's this 6-foot-by-10-foot duct coming out of the chiller plant to cool that building. It's --

MS. CARPENTER: Ridiculous. Yeah.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: They also thought it would solve some of the mold and mildew problems, but it did not. We had major mold and mildew problems at that time.

I just want to say, you know, thank you for saying that we are -- we have been helpful. But that is the intent, I believe, of advisory

committees that the school board superintendent put together. It's our role to seek solutions and to work with staff and the school board to apply these solutions. I mean, the intent of these advisory committees is not to find fault, but, basically, to improve everything that is being done in a collaborative way.

MR. TRACY: Right. And another suggestion would be committees, like you have a facilities committee, needs assessment, they -- the school -- somebody at the school board needs to pool all that information so that you won't have an issue of say spending \$3 million to renovate a building that is scheduled for demolition in two years. That's -- you know, that's crazy.

I know I have -- I've worked in some municipalities where the different departments didn't talk to each other, and I would even get yelled at because I would go over to the planning department or engineering to discuss an issue and it's like, what are you doing over here? I'm trying to solve a problem. That's the issue.

You know, we started fire and -- the building officials and the fire marshals, they started having regular meetings just because we have the

Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire

Protection Code and there are some things where
they agree and some things where they disagree.

And the standard is, if you have two competing
requirements, the more restrictive takes control.

Well, sometimes we don't know that. So it's -it's nice to be able to call your fire marshal
and say, hey, what's your opinion on this, you
know? But in some places they don't. I don't
know if the school board fire department, if the
fire marshal speaks to the building official on a
regular basis.

MS. CARPENTER: They do. They work collaboratively.

MS. WHIPPIE: They do. And we have a Wednesday meeting every week where we go over all the projects.

MR. TRACY: Good. The more -- as you can see, you know, we're all looking at this from a different point of view. The more we share viewpoints, you know, I never looked at it that way. I understand your point. You know, when I see a code section I just want to know, I understand what it says, but why are they asking for this? You know, like the -- those strips at

crosswalks, why do they have the bumps? Okay.

It's for the blind. But -- but it's got the ramp for the handicapped. The wheelchair people hate the bumps. But the -- but the cane people like the bumps.

MR. HILLBERG: Have to have the bumps.

MR. TRACY: Have to have the bumps. Right. Exactly. So, you know, maybe they design those -- those -- those pads that have say a smooth path down the middle. A cane is going to hit the bumps, but an experienced wheelchair driver can wheel right down the smooth area, you know.

MS. CARPENTER: Good idea.

MR. SHIM: You should patent that.

MR. TRACY: But there's -- there's always, you know -- and then, you know, why -- why now all those crosswalks are those pads removable?

Because they used to be just stamped concrete.

MR. HILLBERG: Yeah, and they all come up and they're terrible.

MR. TRACY: Right. But the thinking at the time was, if the pad is deteriorated, it's easier to replace it than to re-pour another stamped concrete.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay.

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MR. TRACY: But I think it's silly. I think you just stamp the concrete. But --

MR. HILLBERG: Okay. I like that though. If you collaborate you can work a solution. Why are they doing that? I don't know. Figure it out.

MR. TRACY: Right. Yeah. Why did we ask for It's like, you know, Tommy was saying earlier, why are you asking for this device here? It's -- well, it's because that's the way I was taught. Where does it say it in the code? know, which is -- you know, the other thing is, this county we have a local board of rules and appeals. If I have a structural question I call Jack or Mike down at BORA. You have -- you have a question, you want to know an answer, you call Brian and he'll call somebody else. But, you know, the point is, they're -- you know, if you understand why, then there's always a way to figure out, okay, why are we -- because we need this. Okay. Well, can we do this this way? There's always -- you know, there's -- you get two engineers together you'll find three solutions to any problem. And it's because it's your personal experience, it's what you're

comfortable working with. You know, I know -- I had this one architect that when he drew a house he always put wood posts in the wall rather than a three-inch steel column.

MR. HILLBERG: Mm-hmm.

MR. TRACY: Why? Because I'm comfortable with wood. Yeah, but the wood we get these days, by the time they frame it it's sticking out of the wall. Steel doesn't warp, unless it's been heated. But wood will warp -- down here in our, you know, tropical monsoon climate wood will warp in a matter of days.

MR. HILLBERG: Good point.

MR. TRACY: Anyway.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: So you are going to the next board meeting; right?

MR. HILLBERG: Next workshop or whatever it is.

MR. TRACY: Either the committee thing or the workshop.

MR. HILLBERG: And then future committee meeting dates September 25, 2025. That has a nice ring to it. I don't have any issue with that. The location will be TBD, if not here.

MR. SHIM: Well, hopefully --

1 MR. HILLBERG: Just don't make it the second 2 Thursday because I moved a meeting to get here.

MR. SHIM: Hopefully --

I can't move it again.

MR. TRACY: Well, the 25th would be the fourth Thursday.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Oh, 25th; okay. I thought it was just '25.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay.

MR. PATEL: I will be a maybe. I might be out of town for that.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay.

MR. SHIM: We -- maybe we could do that at --

MS. CARPENTER: Somewhere.

MR. SHIM: Somewhere. Stranahan cafeteria.

MS. CARPENTER: We did Stranahan before.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: We were in Stranahan before.

MR. TRACY: We did Northeast last year.

MS. WILLIAMS: We have quite a few projects coming up, so we'll let you know. We can definitely do it at a school.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: Just make it central.

MS. WILLIAMS: Yeah, somewhere here, District

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1 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Don't make it south.

MS. WILLIAMS: 3 or 5.

MR. TRACY: Probably not a high school because Thursday night might be something like JV football or something.

MS. WILLIAMS: Oh, no, no more Nova.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: He was talking about the football that threw us off at Nova.

MR. TRACY: Yeah, band practice.

MS. CARPENTER: That was the one where it was pouring; right?

MR. TRACY: It was pouring, it was parent/teacher night as well. It was band practice. It was a football game. It was everything.

MS. WILLIAMS: It was everything that could happen.

MR. HILLBERG: What's the future meeting date? Can you clarify the future meeting date? Is that supposed to be in January?

MR. SHIM: Yeah, so, basically, the last quarter is, you know, a quarter plus a month.

Because we're going to do October as well. And so I was thinking, we normally do the meeting in December before the break, but since it's got the

extra quarter in there we still have to close ---1 2 MS. CARPENTER:

> MR. SHIM: Extra month, we still have to like close that month and then report out and there's not enough time to squeeze it in before the So we could do it in January, if that's okay.

Extra month.

MR. HILLBERG: Okay.

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MS. KRISHNAIYER: That would be better. That would be -- it's better than December.

MR. HILLBERG: At this time we recess the business meeting and we convene the public hearing. Is there anyone from the public to speak? I don't see anyone. The answer's, no.

So we adjourn the public hearing, reconvene the business meeting. There's last-minute discussion. Any other discussion that hasn't already been covered?

(No response.)

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Just to confirm meetings, after that Q1 -- Fiscal Year 26 Q1 meeting, we don't meet anymore; we're done; dissolved?

MR. SHIM: We can -- you know, I mean, we can talk more about it at the next meeting about what you want to do for that. But maybe you can look

at some of the lessons learned and sort of -
CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Do a final report?

MR. SHIM: -- frame it nice and then do like a final report with some of the long-term recommendations going forward about what we, you know -- so we've kind of been talking about some of those things, but I'll kind of go back and look to see what are some of the highlights of some of the older reports and then maybe we could kind of summarize it. Because, I mean, we've done a lot, I mean, over the years. So --

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: I just want to make sure because I know that resolution was prior to this reset of 2028, that there was no other discussion of extending it more.

MR. SHIM: Well, I mean, I think the idea -the idea is that we have expended all the bond
funds and most of the projects have been
delivered, at least they're being occupied even
if they're still 95 percent finished or whatever,
and we're only spending capital dollars. And,
you know, we -- we -- the focus really has to be
completing those projects and looking at our new
assessment and looking at things going forward.
And so the idea is to fold it into our capital

plan to complete and focus on, you know, the -the new SCA and the capital program in general,
and then, you know, in the future, you know, we
may come back for another bond. But those
discussions aren't really -- to me, they're not
viable until you get the assessment back and
determine what your needs are from that
assessment and then reevaluate your resources,
look at what resources are available to begin the
program, and then look at what resource you'll
need long-term.

So that's kind of the thing that I frame in my head as far as how are we going to do the next program? And so it dovetails nicely into ending this program with some good recommendations going forward to be able to manage something like that.

MR. HILLBERG: Yeah. Mm-hmm. Okay. If there's no more discussion I'd like to entertain a movement for adjournment.

MS. KRISHNAIYER: So moved.

MR. TRACY: Second.

CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Third.

MR. HILLBERG: We're all in favor. Any opposed.

(No response.)

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