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5 Benjamin Salz, Capital Budget Analyst V, Capital
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7 Romaneir Johnson, Chief Financial Officer

8 Mark Dorsett, Task Assigned Chief Operating Officer

9 Mark Magli, Executive Director, Office of the Chief
10 Auditor

11 Michael Scott, Director, Economic Development
12 Opportunities & Compliance Office

13 Deniece Williams, Garth Solutions

14 Paige Sclar, Garth Solutions

15 Dr. Howard Hepburn, Superintendent

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17 BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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19 Steve Hillberg, P.E., Civil Engineer

20 Chief Tommy Demopoulos, Fire Chiefs Association of
21 Broward County

22 William A. Tracy, Building Official, City of Parkland

23 Latha Krishnaiyer, Broward County Parent Teachers
24 Association

25 Parth Patel, CGFO

1 MR. HILLBERG: Well, let's go ahead and start
2 the meeting. We're going to start with
3 introductions and the Superintendent will have a
4 few words.

5 MR. SHIM: Well, I'm Omar Shim. I'm the
6 Director of Capital Budget.

7 MS. JOHNSON: I'm Romaneir Johnson, Chief
8 Financial Officer.

9 MR. SALZ: Benny Salz, Capital Budget Analyst
10 V.

11 MR. DORSETT: Mark Dorsett, Chief Operating
12 Officer, Task Assigned.

13 MR. MAGLI: Mark Magli, Executive Director of
14 Audits.

15 MR. TRACY: William Tracy, I'm the building
16 official from the City of Parkland.

17 MR. PATEL: Parth Patel, Assistant Budget
18 Director of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

19 MR. HILLBERG: Latha is going to be here?
20 Yes?

21 MR. SHIM: Yes. She's running a few minutes
22 behind, so she should be here shortly.

23 MR. HILLBERG: All right. I'm Steve
24 Hillberg, Chair of the Bond Oversight Committee,
25 Civil Engineer, the City of Fort Lauderdale.

1 MR. DEMOPOULOS: Tommy Demopoulos, the Fire
2 Marshal for the City of Tamarac.

3 MS. SCLAR: I'm Paige, I'm with the Garth
4 Solutions, the communications team.

5 MR. SCOTT: Good evening, Michael Scott,
6 Economic Development Opportunities & Compliance
7 Office.

8 MS. WILLIAMS: Deniece William, I'm with
9 Garth Solutions on the AECOM team for
10 communications.

11 MS. CARPENTER: Ashley Carpenter, I'm with
12 Atkins Realis and AECOM, the program controller
13 for the asset management program.

14 MR. BROWN: Rafiki Brown, Assistant Director,
15 Capital Budget.

16 MR. SHIM: And we have the Superintendent
17 online and I just wanted to have him just say a
18 few words since this is the final Bond Oversight
19 Committee meeting. So, Sup', all yours.

20 SUPERINTENDENT HEPBURN: Yes, so I am here
21 saying thank you. My apologies for not being
22 there in person. I've been hopping around from
23 meeting to meeting. I'm actually in my car and
24 have another meeting to step out to go into, too.
25 So my apologies for not being there in person, I

1 have a lot of conflicts today.

2 But I certainly want to thank the committee
3 for the great work they've done for Broward
4 County Public Schools for the time being over
5 almost a decade. You know, it's important work.
6 The oversight is definitely essential to let our
7 taxpayers know that the money is being used
8 wisely. Albeit it, it may have taken a large
9 amount of time for some things to come to
10 fruition, but nonetheless, the money has been
11 used wisely to support our facility needs for our
12 students, which is learning environments are so
13 essential to what our teachers and our students
14 do day in and day out in the classroom, you know,
15 and it's led to tremendous outcome, the past two
16 years for Broward County Public Schools overall,
17 with no DNF schools for two years in a row, an A
18 school district for two years in a row for first
19 time in over a decade, and as of the news
20 yesterday, the highest graduation rates for
21 Broward County Public Schools in over 25 years
22 with 91.4 percent overall. That includes our
23 charter schools as well. But when you take out
24 our charter schools, our graduation rate that
25 includes our center schools, which is where our

1 students go to get that second and third chance,
2 it increases to 93 -- over 93 percent. And then
3 if you just look at our traditional high schools
4 it's raised to 97.5 percent.

5 So those accomplishments include the
6 contribution from this committee and the hard
7 work that you've provided for fiscal oversight
8 over this whole entire bond program. And I know
9 the citizens of Broward County would be happy to
10 know that the work that you've done has ensured
11 fiscal responsibility and fiduciary
12 responsibility by our board and also by myself
13 and past superintendents.

14 So I appreciate all the hard work. I know
15 this is our last meeting, but I know we'll be
16 leveraging your expertise and opportunity to
17 support us in other ways quickly in moving in the
18 near future.

19 So thanks for having me here. Thanks for the
20 hard work you've been doing for Broward County
21 Public Schools and all the students that we
22 serve. It is much appreciated.

23 Thank you, Omar.

24 MR. SHIM: Thank you.

25 MR. HILLBERG: That was nice of him to pop

1 in.

2 MR. SHIM: I just wanted to also mention that
3 Ms. Johnson is here for a little bit and she has
4 another engagement as well.

5 MR. HILLBERG: Okay.

6 MS. JOHNSON: I wanted to thank you guys for
7 your work also and also to say that we're going
8 to be moving forward with more projects in the
9 near future. So I think that you're just going
10 to have a temporary vacation and hope that you
11 will be part of the committee going forward when
12 we come back to the table.

13 MR. HILLBERG: Okay. I always thought we
14 were a thorn in your side.

15 I think we did accomplish some good things
16 over the years.

17 The second item of business is the approval
18 of the minutes. Can I have a motion?

19 MR. TRACY: Moved.

20 CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: Second.

21 MR. HILLBERG: All in favor?

22 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Aye.

23 MR. HILLBERG: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. HILLBERG: None. Passes unanimously.

1 We'll go to Audit Reports.

2 MR. MAGLI: So I was chatting with Omar as
3 the meeting was commencing. So we have ongoing
4 engagements, targeted engagements, and have
5 outsourced to RSM to do that periodically. We
6 don't have anything coming forward right now.
7 We'll continue to work on some of these things
8 that we have going. We have a couple of things
9 in the works already. As those things progress
10 we'll look to do some more, and, hopefully,
11 sometime later in the year do some kind of
12 call-backs to, as you guys say, lessons learned,
13 and some of the good and bad of those, overview
14 of that type of -- that kind of engagement that
15 they'll go back to and have some key points to
16 look at. But right now I don't have anything
17 specific to share, but we are still at work at
18 this with some of our external people and looking
19 at some things internally. So that much I can
20 tell you at this point.

21 MR. HILLBERG: Okay. I did read that on --
22 when I looked at the website for the audit
23 committee I read through some of the meeting
24 minutes, it appears that there was some questions
25 about the prior to 2024 schedule iteration and

1 after 2025 and they were just kind of comparing
2 the two to see what the process was. But I was
3 looking for reports on that, on that site. In
4 the meeting minutes from last time it said there
5 were reports on the auditor's site.

6 MR. MAGLI: I know that there were some
7 difficulties with some of the links that were
8 going on. I don't know the extent of that, I
9 really don't, to speak on that. But that was
10 reported back to me. I assumed it was resolved.
11 I'll certainly look into it and make sure that
12 we're up to speed. That wasn't an in-house
13 thing, that was kind of a district thing when we
14 converted over to whatever that system was there
15 was some issues with that. I'm relatively new
16 back to understanding where the transition was,
17 but we'll look at that. I'll make a note of it,
18 for sure.

19 MR. HILLBERG: Okay. Thank you.

20 Next is the Bond Presentations by District
21 Staff. The Facilities Project Accomplishments is
22 the first item.

23 MR. SHIM: Yeah, I'll start off with a --
24 Omar Shim, Director of Capital Budget. And
25 before I get started, I just wanted to thank the

1 staff. Over the years we've been providing these
2 reports and having reports from consultants
3 Atkins, and AECOM, and Garth, and all the
4 consultants that contributed along with the
5 staff, Rafiki, Ben, and other staff throughout
6 the district that supported this program.

7 Also, a special thank you to Millie, in the
8 back. She actually hung in here before she
9 retired, she's retiring in 10 days. So she stuck
10 it out, and special thanks to Millie for that and
11 all the hard work that she's done in
12 communicating. You've seen her emails.

13 So today is the final Bond Oversight
14 Committee meeting. The SMART Program has been a
15 monumental effort to deliver the projects using
16 voter funded general obligation bonds that was
17 passed in 2014. At that time the district was
18 restricted by cuts related to the great recession
19 which saw billions of dollars wiped out from our
20 -- by reductions in property values combined with
21 reductions to our capital budget tax revenues by
22 the state legislature.

23 Prior to the SMART Program the district had
24 facilities that were not fully single point of
25 entry. We were not able to fund music or arts

1 programs. The district lagged behind in
2 technology and our facilities suffered from years
3 of deferred maintenance.

4 And I want to make that point because I think
5 that, you know, from so long ago it's hard to
6 picture where we came from to where we're at
7 today. We're having a different discussion
8 today, but we wouldn't be able to have this
9 discussion if we were where we were then.

10 Because of these benefits of the SMART
11 Program the district is in a much better position
12 to look to the future and the Bond Oversight
13 Committee was instrumental in what was
14 accomplished as well as many of the lessons
15 learned by the district. And as we go through
16 the presentations we'll talk about those
17 accomplishments and the lessons learned, as we've
18 discussed.

19 But before we begin that I also wanted to
20 thank the committee and provide these
21 certificates of appreciation. You know, you
22 certainly kept us on track to achieve the things
23 that we've achieved as well as, you know, the
24 lessons and bumps we've had in the road along the
25 way and the things we've learned to take forward

1 through the next program. So I'll just provide
2 these certificates and then we can get going.

3 MR. HILLBERG: Omar, I want to thank your
4 staff also. I see that on the quarterly report
5 in the beginning when I joined in late 2017, the
6 reports ran about 800 pages. And to put that
7 together on a quarterly basis and to proof it and
8 to check it and then release it in a public forum
9 and then do it again over and over again, where
10 the different chapters have to agree with each
11 other, I think that's an amazing accomplishment.
12 Right now the report today was just a little over
13 500 pages. So that's still a huge undertaking to
14 go check all the schedules and all of the
15 management information and have that all
16 assimilated so that it kind of goes together. It
17 has to go together in mass media. That's an
18 amazing accomplishment. So you're to be
19 commended and your staff to be dedicated to that
20 work for going on 10 years.

21 MR. SHIM: Thank you very much. And it
22 really was a team effort. The team that you see
23 here, there's many more people that stand behind
24 all the work that's been done. And, you know,
25 it's certainly a lot of coordination and a great

1 team effort, so thank you very much.

2 MR. HILLBERG: Next is Program Highlights -
3 Facilities and AECOM.

4 MR. SHIM: So if you go to the slide, it's
5 kind of like an overview about some of the
6 things. You know, you can see a few schools up
7 there, Lloyd Estates, Deerfield Beach,
8 Hallandale, Miramar and Marjory Stoneman Douglas.
9 And I think what the superintendent said, you
10 know, those are a few of the highlights in terms
11 of bottom line in terms of what was really the
12 impact it had on the kids across the district.
13 And we're in the business of education. We talk
14 about the facilities. Well, the facilities
15 service kids and the achievements that the kids
16 make -- you know, we've heard it from the
17 principals from the schools that we visited. You
18 know, but that goes across district, all the
19 projects that we've done, they've had a
20 significant impact and it's made a big difference
21 in terms of the outcome, the graduation rates,
22 the school grades. This reflects kids achieving
23 things. So, you know, I have a child in school
24 on a personal level and these things really
25 matter.

1 So these are just some highlights. You know,
2 modernized spaces, enhanced safety systems, and
3 you can see on the slide really some of the
4 impact.

5 The SMART Program delivered meaningful campus
6 upgrades while also providing clear insight into
7 long-term capital needs so we have the next step
8 of this going on with our FCA and looking at our
9 current, you know, next steps in construction.

10 So the program made significant progress in
11 safety with some of the fire alarm projects, the
12 sprinkler systems as well as security things like
13 single point of entry. Infrastructure, arts and
14 music spaces and technology. And we did a lot of
15 media centers, too.

16 We have also identified opportunities to
17 strengthen just the program in general, planning
18 sequences, communications. Risk management, that
19 played a big role in our budgeting and how we set
20 aside funding strategically to address risks in
21 general, that we knew we had projects that had
22 additional funding left. And we'll get into that
23 when we get into the financial section.

24 These lessons led to a stronger coordination
25 among internal teams, design professionals,

1 contractors and oversight bodies. You know, also
2 a big part of this is Florida TaxWatch. They
3 aren't here now, but they certainly played a big
4 role earlier on and, you know, helped with
5 recommendations and shaping -- shaping this
6 report, truthfully, on how it's reported and
7 transparency.

8 And this resulted in improvements that
9 included clearer reporting and more consistent
10 processes and stronger accountability.

11 I'll let Ashley go through the next section.

12 MS. CARPENTER: Thank you. Ashley Carpenter,
13 again, with Atkins. So looking at some of the
14 Program Achievements, just kind of at a high
15 level we wanted to focus on, you know, really
16 what has been done over these years. A lot of IT
17 technology upgrades and widespread deployment of
18 student devices, expansion of art and music
19 programs because of the work that was done.

20 Streamlined processes that improved program
21 delivery, so that one's really close to my heart
22 because that is what I do, but, you know, even
23 thinking about that report from so many years
24 ago, it was a really manual process back then,
25 and now because of the processes that have been

1 put in place and the workflows that we have, it's
2 very easy for me to pull all this data out of the
3 system and just give it to the AECOM guy that
4 puts it in the database. You know, it happens so
5 quickly now because of the work that's been done
6 to really set everything up and make it more --
7 have a lot more controls around the data and make
8 it more automated in every way.

9 That's also allowed for enhanced transparency
10 and accountability because it's not a manual
11 process, because it's not somebody having to, you
12 know, type something in or maybe manipulate data
13 slightly. It's really just spitting it out of
14 the system. I was working with one of the
15 auditors from the chief auditor's office today
16 and setting up a report for her in e-Builder and
17 she can just run it herself and she's going to
18 get the same data that I'm gonna get and
19 anybody's gonna get when they go to, you know,
20 run these reports. And so that's, I think, been
21 a big achievement as well.

22 MR. HILLBERG: So if I can interject?
23 Because that was a thing that, I'm a project
24 manager, I have projects to run, and I have to
25 spend a lot of time updating schedules and

1 statuses and things like that and that's taking
2 away time from managing the project, so it's kind
3 of a bad feedback, the less time I have to move
4 the project along then the more I have to explain
5 my delays. And so to get that out of the way and
6 to decrease the amount of hours you need to spend
7 on that stuff, that's tremendous.

8 MS. CARPENTER: Yes. But some of the lessons
9 learned, we have had a lot of lessons learned,
10 really strengthening the early cost and scope
11 definition, so that's being done now in the
12 current Facility Condition Assessment process,
13 really trying to learn from this program, you
14 know, exactly what needs to be done in terms of
15 schedule costs and scope right from the
16 beginning. Prioritizing proactive scheduling,
17 clearer communication, assessing risks earlier
18 and streamlining approval processes. So along
19 with that data that we have that's centralized,
20 now we also have a suite of, you know, automated
21 workflows that processes go through, so that's
22 all been implemented. That really helps
23 everything to run more smoothly. And engaging
24 regulatory agencies from the outset.

25 Looking at this next slide, this is about

1 projects that have had major changes in scope
2 from what was originally planned in the bond to
3 what actually happened, schools that had the
4 scope really revisited and aligned better to
5 their needs giving them more than the existing
6 building renovations, you know, that were
7 planned. They -- they got more through this
8 program, so that was -- that was a great --

9 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Let me ask you a question.

10 MS. CARPENTER: Sure.

11 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Markham was not on the
12 original plan. So what -- you know, just an
13 update on Markham.

14 MS. CARPENTER: Yes, so Markham in the
15 original plan had renovations to Building 1.

16 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Right.

17 MS. CARPENTER: As you know now, Building 1
18 is being replaced. Markham, there was several
19 phases. So they had to put all the portables
20 there and everything. And Markham, I believe, I
21 don't want to speak out of turn, but I'm pretty
22 sure just got a letter of recommendation so that
23 they're able to -- the CMAR is able to put it out
24 on the street for bids to start moving towards
25 the construction phase.

1 MS. KRISHNAIYER: That's two years since the
2 building collapsed.

3 MS. CARPENTER: Yeah.

4 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Yeah. And that's a school
5 that needs it desperately.

6 MS. CARPENTER: Yes. For sure.

7 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Because even now when the
8 kids walk through there's rain.

9 MS. CARPENTER: Yeah. And the CMAR's been
10 working out there and they were doing the FPL
11 vault, there was like a phase that had to be done
12 before they could do the new building. So they
13 had to basically have a new hub for all the
14 systems. And so they've been out there building
15 that and now they're going to be able to, you
16 know, go out on the street to get the subs for
17 the next phase.

18 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Going back to single point
19 of entry, which works very well in most schools,
20 Markham is a problem because you can -- I mean,
21 the security person is there before you drive in,
22 but once you drive in you can wander around
23 because --

24 MS. CARPENTER: Of the portables.

25 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Mm-hmm.

1 MR. SHIM: Just to tie this back to the SMART
2 Program, because I know Markham is in the SMART
3 Program process --

4 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Mm-hmm.

5 MR. SHIM: -- I think that what it is is that
6 the original SMART Program that was there, what
7 we did is we held part of it and programmed the
8 replacement instead. So it really was an
9 expansion of that program. And so we reevaluated
10 what we were doing. Just like the rest of these
11 schools, I think that the rest of these schools
12 had SMART Program projects and we were asked and
13 had discussions with the board to expand it
14 because of the investments in the SMART Program
15 that we wanted to invest more into the program.
16 Whether or not they fell inside or outside of the
17 SMART Program they were still a part of the SMART
18 Program that went beyond that scope. And so I
19 just wanted to make that point.

20 MS. KRISHNAIYER: I just feel for that
21 school.

22 MR. SHIM: Yes.

23 MS. KRISHNAIYER: And it needs it so
24 desperately. And it's a school which has enough
25 kids. We're not looking at it for closing or

1 re -- you know -- so it'll be nice if that gets
2 done.

3 MR. SHIM: Yeah.

4 MS. CARPENTER: On the next slide, early on
5 in this program the PMOR really identified that
6 they had to look at additional ways to expedite
7 work, particularly with roofing, but there were
8 also carveouts done for single point of entry,
9 media centers and music and arts spaces. But
10 those, at least the roofing carveouts really
11 allowed the square footage of roofing that was
12 happening per year to be high enough to get this
13 program done. You know, there was a time in 2018
14 where the experts were sort of saying like, we're
15 not going to be able to finish all this roofing.
16 I think it was 16 or 17 million square feet of
17 roofing and the roofing carveout program really
18 helped to expedite that work and get it done.

19 And then the process improvements, I kind of
20 mentioned it already, but the e-Builder system,
21 it's now called Trimble Unity Construct, was
22 really custom built for the district's needs and
23 it contains about 50 active workflows that
24 automate and streamline project processes,
25 construction projects, and allows for integrated

1 reporting, auditing, and these are just -- the
2 ones listed there are just a few of the ones that
3 we have.

4 Looking at some more of the Program
5 Achievements, particularly related to The Big 3,
6 we get more into The Big 3 later, but these were
7 really a school specific approach reporting and
8 engagement strategy because they were the poster
9 children of the bond and they required more
10 community meetings, more engagement, more
11 updates. You know, people were very, of course,
12 interested and these were some of the biggest
13 value projects that we had in the program as well
14 because they're big schools and they had a lot of
15 needs and so they were large construction
16 projects. But, you know, trying to continually
17 improve the communication and the feedback loop
18 and particularly with regard to the project teams
19 and, you know, making sure that everything was
20 being kept up to date. And with guidance and
21 input from you guys they've implemented some
22 rules to keep projects efficient and successful.
23 And, you know, just continually reviewing the
24 market conditions and the risk assessment, all of
25 this stuff played into how The Big 3 were

1 executed and -- and the work, you know, completed
2 or substantially completed.

3 So some of the -- I'll run through with you
4 the regular slides pretty quickly, you know, we
5 really wanted to focus more on kind of what's
6 been done overall, but some of the quarterly
7 highlights that, projects in construction
8 closeout went up to 219 in total, which reflects
9 a year-to-year difference of 105 projects that
10 moved into closeout. And there were over 27
11 school visits this quarter. And the overall
12 program percentage of change orders still is
13 under 2 percent at about 1.67. You know, anybody
14 who knows construction renovations on old
15 buildings, you know, we would typically expect 5
16 to 8 percent, so it's still well below that.

17 However, there are projects that are not
18 complete, 119 projects that have not completed
19 construction that are still -- that have been
20 rolled over just into the Capital program,
21 they're still ongoing.

22 With these counts, the comparison is actually
23 from June 30th. The boxes underneath are the
24 June 30th numbers. So there were only six
25 projects out of 338 total projects that hadn't

1 entered the construction phase as of October
2 31st, 2025. And the second chart is really just
3 kind of a breakdown of some of those phases
4 because the board members particularly always
5 ask, when we say 219 in construction closeout
6 they want to know, well, how many are
7 substantial; how many final; how many in
8 financial; and how many totally closed out? So
9 on the second slide you see there's 149 that are
10 fully closed out, so there's nothing left to do
11 on those. The ones in financial closeout, which
12 is 39, are -- might still have a purchase order
13 or two open that we're working on getting closed
14 out. The architect's purchase order stays open
15 for a year after substantial completion because
16 they do their warranty walk-through, so that
17 might be the only thing pending. The ones that
18 are final completion, that means the contractor
19 is fully complete, so they've achieved their OES
20 209, which is the certificate of final inspection
21 and -- yeah, and then substantial complete, so
22 that's the breakdown of the 219.

23 Moving on to the Safety Status with the fire
24 alarm and fire sprinkler projects.

25 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Can I ask a question,

1 Ashley, before --

2 MS. CARPENTER: Sure.

3 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Right at the beginning you
4 talked about the art and music being expanded.
5 Do we have any schools that don't have -- I know
6 we do, but I don't know the number. And how do
7 we address that? Because to the best of my
8 knowledge they are the schools where it's needed
9 most. So do we have any numbers or can you get
10 them to me, Omar?

11 MR. SHIM: I can get you numbers. I'd have
12 to talk to our art and music people, but, yeah, I
13 can get you those numbers.

14 MS. KRISHNAIYER: But they did go and do
15 schools that didn't have it.

16 MR. SHIM: Yes. I mean, there was a much
17 larger number of schools when we started this
18 that didn't have art and music because of the
19 funding and because of the availability of the
20 music equipment. I know that during the program
21 that we pushed out and we encouraged a lot of
22 schools to do it, but, you know, it's the
23 school's choice what specials they have and what
24 they do and so some schools, a handful of schools
25 I'd say, it's a small number, if I recall, that

1 don't have it, and maybe it's a result of their
2 population or maybe it's a result of what program
3 that they prefer to put out there. So I'll get
4 you those numbers, but it certainly has been
5 expanded substantially since the beginning of
6 this.

7 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Because they're not going
8 to get it now with the freeze. And is the freeze
9 going to affect any of these projects? Because I
10 know it's affecting schools, but I just didn't
11 know if --

12 MR. SHIM: Well, I'll just say this. At this
13 point we're addressing the loss in students and
14 that that equates to an amount that's tied to our
15 operation in General Fund and not necessarily
16 Capital. So Capital gets its funding from the
17 capital millage which stays constant and
18 fluctuates only in terms of property values. So
19 we -- we have resources in Capital to move
20 forward with a Capital program and it won't -- it
21 won't affect Capital as much as it will General
22 Fund.

23 MS. KRISHNAIYER: And you may not know the
24 answer to this, but if one of these property tax
25 stuff passes, I mean, our schools are exempt, but

1 would it affect property values and that affects
2 schools? I'm looking at, you know, the payment
3 from SROs from the side of the police department,
4 so I just wondered if the property tax will have
5 any -- it will impact something, so if it will
6 have any effects.

7 MR. SHIM: Yeah, I actually don't know what
8 is on the table right now in terms of what's
9 being proposed. But any impact in terms of
10 property values will impact capital. So if the
11 legislature chooses to take funding out of
12 schools, which they haven't -- so far when the
13 reductions have hit they've done it with
14 municipalities and other areas, but you never
15 know. So if they do choose to do that, yes, it's
16 going to impact Capital. And property values,
17 you know, we have Save Our Homes, which is, you
18 know, a stored value, but it's usually at a 3
19 percent increase on homes until you get to your
20 market value. So unless market value dips
21 substantially, most homeowner properties will
22 still be taxed at a 3 percent increase over the
23 prior year because they're still not at market
24 value. That's typically how, what I've seen.
25 The other piece of it is the new construction. I

1 have a feeling that that's going to taper off a
2 little bit more than it has in the past.

3 So, yeah, I mean, I think that we have to
4 keep an eye on it, both the legislative things as
5 well as the market conditions. And we -- we try
6 to do that.

7 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Okay. Thank you.

8 MS. CARPENTER: So moving on to the Safety
9 Status, as you can see, there's still a large
10 number of fire alarm and fire sprinkler projects
11 that are in construction. The fire sprinkler
12 projects -- the carveouts that we have are almost
13 all done now, but the fire alarm projects are
14 slow -- slower to finish. Although AECOM
15 recently was reporting that there are a group of
16 projects that had, you know, additional devices
17 and things that were added at final inspection
18 and now they've gone through the whole process of
19 ASI and they're installing those new devices now,
20 so we may get a group of them that are pretty
21 much ready to go soon, hopefully.

22 And there's some information on the Fire
23 Alarms Flags there, I won't get into the details
24 of that.

25 Moving onto the Schedule Milestones, so we've

1 already talked about the fact that there are 119
2 projects that were not substantially complete as
3 of October 31st. So all of those projects are
4 still under way. And, you know, the
5 100-and-whatever, 13 of them now that are in
6 construction, the average percentage of projects
7 in construction, average percent complete is over
8 85, I would say. So, you know, projects like I
9 just mentioned that had additional devices added
10 during final inspection were 97 percent complete,
11 almost ready to close and then have this extra
12 work. So we do have, you know, a lot of projects
13 that are very close to being completed.

14 AECOM just got a contract for another year
15 here at the school board and they're anticipating
16 closing 80 projects over that year. So that's --
17 that's where we're at with that.

18 And then looking at The Big 3, just focusing
19 on, I guess, some of the -- some of the big work
20 that was done at these schools, Blanche Ely
21 received ADA lifts and restroom upgrades, ADA
22 ramp, canopy connection, improved gym
23 accessibility, re-roofing on 9 buildings, HVAC
24 replacement in 6 buildings, fire sprinkler and
25 fire alarm, media center and STEM lab

1 improvements and outdoor dining area and
2 concessions.

3 Northeast High School got re-roofing in 12
4 buildings, fire alarm replacement, fire sprinkler
5 upgrades in six buildings, ADA restroom
6 renovations in 3 buildings, HVAC and electrical
7 upgrades, STEM lab, auditorium, MEP upgrades,
8 music building and smoke ventilation.

9 Stranahan High School got roof replacement in
10 15 buildings, HVAC replacement in 12 buildings,
11 campus-wide fire alarm, fire sprinkler in 3
12 buildings, switch -- main switch doghouse
13 upgrades. I'm not sure what that means. ADA
14 ramp replacement and media center and STEM lab
15 improvements in 4 buildings.

16 Northeast also received a new building. That
17 was on the prior slide. It wasn't technically
18 the SMART Program, so it's not included here, but
19 that was a pretty big accomplishment because it
20 was going to be five old buildings that were
21 getting renovated but instead they got demolished
22 and they got a new building and a new kind of
23 multipurpose space as well.

24 And then looking at the Risk Assessment, you
25 know, where we stand now is, if you go back sort

1 of three years on this timeline, that's pretty
2 much where we were at, you know, a few years ago.
3 So it's -- we've ended up pretty much where we
4 thought we would be. You know, for the past five
5 or so years we've been sort of predicting being
6 around this area. We still each month close out
7 projects and put a million or two back into the
8 reserve from the SMART Projects and we still
9 have, obviously, some big projects that haven't
10 completed yet. Some of them do use up all their
11 budget, but others have funding remaining at the
12 end, you know, change order contingency that
13 wasn't spent or whatever and some other minor
14 contingencies that get swept back into the
15 Capital reserve.

16 MR. SHIM: And they add up.

17 MS. CARPENTER: And they -- yeah, they've
18 been adding up.

19 MR. SHIM: So we'll talk about that.

20 MS. CARPENTER: Transition to Budget
21 Activity.

22 MR. SHIM: Yes, thank you.

23 So, you know, I'm going to spend a little bit
24 of time on this slide. I'll kind of go through
25 the other ones but to just kind of summarize

1 financially where this program ended financially
2 including the last quarter.

3 So out of \$1.7 billion allocated in the SMART
4 Program, the program expended 1.5 billion, which
5 is 88 percent of that. And 147.7 million remain
6 in active projects on purchase orders or on
7 project balances. So, you know, as Ashley said,
8 with the projects that are -- that are -- that
9 have been -- are going to carry over in this
10 program, a lot of those are towards the end of
11 this phase. So we delivered more than just
12 completed projects, we delivered the majority of
13 the active projects.

14 So the SMART Program to date has delivered
15 \$918.3 million in completed projects with \$875.4
16 million in expenditures and \$42.9 million in
17 project balances. So those projects that have
18 been completed will be financially closed out and
19 the balances will reduce and recover -- recover
20 savings after the final contractual requirements
21 have been met. So even though they have been
22 delivered, they're being used, they're still in
23 the process of, you know, the warranty phase and
24 making sure all the financial contractual things
25 are done so we can do the financial closeout

1 piece.

2 All the General Obligation Bond Funds have
3 been expended, and the remaining active projects
4 will be completed using available capital funds
5 that are allocated to those projects in the
6 capital budget. So, again, we're talking about,
7 you know, under \$150 million in -- that's
8 remaining to spend in those active projects.
9 Which when you look at a \$1.7 billion program,
10 that's, you know, a pretty good chunk of it
11 delivered.

12 Next slide it just shows the budget and the
13 balances which I just went through.

14 The next slide shows expenditures and
15 purchase orders still in place, which I talked
16 about the 1.5 billion.

17 The next slide is just a pattern of how we
18 spent dollars. The blue bars are the bond
19 dollars, which you can see we've finished some
20 quarters ago and the red bars are other capital
21 dollars.

22 And then finally what Ms. Carpenter was just
23 talking about, you know, as we close out these
24 projects we're saving approximately \$41 million.
25 This includes the Technology section and Music

1 and Arts. We saved about 10 or \$11 million in
2 Technology and we continue to recover funds as we
3 close out projects.

4 Now, there are still some underlying risks in
5 some of the projects, but they're small risks.
6 They're virtually, you know, down to the point
7 where we have the contracts issued and so we're
8 only talking about change orders. And they're
9 usually, hopefully, small. And so as we close
10 out projects it certainly covers that and we'll
11 put dollars back into the reserve. And that's
12 what really our expectation is moving forward.

13 So that's the financials; if you have any
14 questions.

15 MR. HILLBERG: Any questions?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. SHIM: Oh, okay. Yeah. So Rafiki just
18 pointed out that last quarter we -- we recovered
19 and put back into our reserves \$9.2 million.
20 That's pretty substantial over the last quarter.

21 MR. HILLBERG: That was about 6 from the
22 technological part?

23 MR. SHIM: I'm sorry?

24 MR. HILLBERG: 6 was from the Technology
25 part?

1 MR. SHIM: No, I think we got back about 10.

2 MR. HILLBERG: But that was several quarters
3 ago. A long time ago, \$10 million savings.

4 MR. SHIM: Yeah, a long time ago. Yeah, \$10
5 million savings.

6 MR. HILLBERG: Thank you.

7 MR. SCOTT: Good evening. My name is Michael
8 Scott, Economic Development Opportunities &
9 Compliance Office. Thank you for having me. On
10 this slide we wanted to identify just some of our
11 small business key achievements. We spent almost
12 \$600 million with our certified firms from Fiscal
13 Year 15 Quarter 2 through Fiscal Year 26, plus
14 October of 2025. And then just some of our key
15 success strategies, we did implement B2G, which
16 we were able to do contract tracking, reporting
17 and also payment -- prime and subcontractor
18 payment verification. Our certification module
19 is completely online. Our certification process
20 is fully online. We moved from Ariba so our
21 firms can actually go into B2G and complete the
22 application. And normally we have a turnaround
23 within 48 to 72 hours, you know, once we review
24 their eligibility and, you know, if they're
25 eligible we do go ahead and certify them with

1 DCB. And our outreach program, we've done
2 multiple events. In regards to the outreach
3 we've done Meet the Prime, we've done Brunch &
4 Learns, we've done Matchmakers with a few of the
5 departments within Broward County Public Schools.
6 And one of the key lessons that we've learned
7 throughout the bond is intentionality and
8 strategy. And as we move forward we'll keep
9 innovating in regards to that intentionality and
10 strategy.

11 This slide represents an overview of our
12 certified firms. It's important to note that
13 firms may hold multiple certifications and may be
14 represented across more than one industry
15 category.

16 For Fiscal Year 26 Quarter 1 reporting period
17 we had a total of 729 Unique Certified Firms. As
18 of today we currently have 786 certified firms
19 with 38 in the pipeline just waiting for review
20 from our certification team.

21 This slide summarizes the cumulative spending
22 trends over reporting period at an overall of
23 close to \$2 billion of economic impact over the
24 SMART Bond Program, giving us almost \$600 million
25 in our prime dollars that went to our local small

1 businesses. In addition, the cumulative
2 subcontractor commitment totals approximately
3 \$130 million as of Fiscal Year 22 Quarter 4 when
4 EDOC began calculating the subcontractor
5 commitment.

6 The cumulative certified spend total of
7 almost \$600 million reflects participation by 87
8 district certified small businesses. This
9 includes 35 design firms at close to \$100 million
10 as well as 52 contractors at a little bit over
11 \$500 million.

12 This slide reflects EDOC's comprehensive
13 approach to maximizing small business
14 participation in the SMART Bond Program. Our
15 efforts include active outreach, ongoing
16 communication and collaboration with internal
17 departments and external stakeholders. These
18 activities are designed to increase awareness of
19 opportunities, to reduce barriers to entry, and
20 to support active or small local businesses.

21 From a marketplace standpoint EDOC expanded
22 tools and resources that promote the ability of
23 certified businesses across all industry
24 categories. One thing that we did do in 2024 is
25 we did create a certified directory. All

1 certified firms did go into that directory and we
2 distribute them out, not only within our schools,
3 within Broward County Public Schools, but
4 throughout the community of Broward County.

5 MR. HILLBERG: I know Fort Lauderdale links
6 to it on their procurement website.

7 MR. SCOTT: This slide highlights EDOC's
8 approach to supporting small business
9 participation and certification, utilization and
10 capacity building efforts. The department
11 focuses on simplifying access to certification,
12 providing technical guidance and aligning with
13 partner agencies to expand opportunities. We
14 also promote utilization by incorporating
15 participation goals into solicitations increasing
16 awareness of contract opportunities and
17 monitoring performance and payment support
18 accountability.

19 And this slide, it just shows some efforts
20 that we have taken to increase utilization of
21 certified firms and the result. As you will see
22 through our B2G system we identified 44 Unique
23 Certified Primes that have gotten paid as well as
24 348 certified subcontractors that have gotten
25 paid.

1 And EDOC Marketing & Outreach Activities seek
2 to maximize engagement, utilization and contract
3 awards to small local businesses and district
4 procurement opportunities. Here we have provided
5 an overview of EDOC hosted events and trainings
6 from August 2025 through October 2025. Of note
7 we have a MatchMaker collaboration with the
8 District Office of Strategic Partnership with
9 special guests Board Chair Hixon -- Former Board
10 Chair Hixon and Superintendent Howard Hepburn
11 encouraged attending the Department of BCPS's
12 Impact Student Success.

13 In total we've had over 600 attendees over
14 seven events during this reporting period.

15 And in closing, as always, we invite you to
16 like, follow and share our social media platforms
17 to stay current with EDOC programs and
18 initiatives. And I'd be remiss if I didn't
19 acknowledge the efforts of Garth and Deniece and
20 her team, as well as Paige, as far as helping us
21 and supporting us with outreach through flyers
22 and also, you know, just always being there for
23 us as far as any marketing materials that we
24 need. So thank you.

25 MR. HILLBERG: Thank you. Moving on to

1 Communications with a good segue.

2 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you. Thanks again for
3 that.

4 My name is Deniece Williams, I am the -- one
5 of the communications liaisons on the AECOM team.
6 I work with Garth Solutions. And I'll start with
7 some of the program achievements and lessons
8 learned.

9 Early on we identified, obviously, that there
10 was a need for stakeholder engagement and one of
11 the things that we really focused on as the
12 project kicked off were project charter meetings
13 that really allowed us to go to the staff
14 meetings and inform the school community
15 specifically about what was going to be happening
16 on their campus. That really happened once the
17 architect and the contractor were engaged. We
18 worked with the project manager to identify the
19 spaces that were going to be impacted and put
20 together a presentation where we could share it
21 with the SAC committee and any of the students
22 and faculty that attended the meeting, what they
23 could expect during construction. So that was
24 one of the key initiatives that we did early on
25 when the projects moved out of design and went

1 into construction.

2 We also, as the project moved further on in
3 the progress, then we would have a project update
4 meeting which would give the school community an
5 update on when they could expect key milestones
6 to be achieved and what they could expect to see
7 on their campus as the contractor progressed with
8 the work.

9 And what we also noticed early on was we had
10 to make a diligent effort to make the invisible
11 visible as a majority of the work that was scoped
12 to happen on the campuses really are happening
13 behind ceilings, behind walls, in mechanical
14 rooms, and are on campuses that typically parents
15 don't have much access to. So we have a team
16 that goes out and does photo and video
17 documentation, which allows us to capture the
18 progress and share that on our different social
19 media or on the website or even with flyers that
20 we would send to the principals that they could
21 share through ParentLink to provide the school
22 community with an ongoing progress update on what
23 was the status of the construction that was
24 happening at their school.

25 And also early on we noticed that there was

1 an opportunity for us to not only provide just
2 the verbal update to the school community but
3 there was really a need in the community for all
4 vested stakeholders that were not necessarily
5 active with the school, so we did implement a
6 website that was focused on all of the bond and
7 all of the different attributes as it pertained
8 to construction. So we have a school page -- a
9 school page that has all of the information for
10 the school and then we would then also organize
11 it by municipality so that the municipalities
12 could use the website to look at all of the
13 schools in their jurisdiction so that they could
14 have regular updates so that it would help them
15 to minimize their calls and requests to board
16 members, what's happening at this school? We
17 could have that as a hub that they could go to to
18 find out what was happening at the school in that
19 jurisdiction. And we also forwarded these
20 schools by board member, so that the board
21 members would be able to have these details at
22 their fingertips so that it would help to
23 minimize the calls and back and forth so that
24 everyone could have a central point that they
25 could go to to have the updates that they needed

1 about their schools.

2 And we on a regular basis, be it monthly or
3 quarterly, provided updates on the website and at
4 meetings like this or at commission meetings. As
5 Ashley mentioned, with regards to The Big 3, one
6 of the things that we did early on as the
7 projects were kind of getting kicked off, we
8 committed to doing facilities meetings that were
9 held on the campuses of Stranahan, Blanche Ely
10 and Northeast where we gave the community members
11 an update on what was happening at those
12 campuses. And we also went to their -- their
13 commission meetings to provide the commission an
14 update on what was happening on their schools,
15 not only on The Big 3, but also in the community
16 schools within their jurisdiction.

17 So those are some of the efforts that we
18 implemented early on and kept up with throughout
19 the course of construction just to keep
20 everybody, all of the vested stakeholders,
21 informed and engaged with what was happening on
22 their campus.

23 And one of the other things that we've done
24 as the program kind of hit the stride in terms of
25 construction, we focused on not just the work

1 that was happening but the impact and the
2 benefits that the students and the faculty would
3 be able to see from the actual construction. So
4 we focused on the Smart Work In Action and
5 highlighting some of the different spaces that
6 were being renovated, be it the Stem labs, music
7 rooms, media centers, just kind of giving the
8 community an understanding of what those spaces
9 were going to be utilized for and how it was
10 really impacting the environment that the
11 students have to experience on any day.

12 Now, this is the overall update of what we
13 achieved over the quarter. As Omar mentioned,
14 we've had 27 site visits over the summer
15 construction break. We were really, actually,
16 very excited to be able to capture a lot of the
17 work that was going on. One of the ones that
18 most notably that I had mentioned that you asked
19 about was Markham, we were able to really
20 capture, now that the demolition crew is on-site,
21 they're like moving very quickly to get that
22 building leveled and so we were able to capture
23 some of the really big projects. Off the top of
24 my head that I think would be of note to you
25 guys, McArthur, that project is moving along very

1 quickly. We are really excited to start
2 hopefully planning that ribbon cutting for that
3 new STEM and science building and they also are
4 making tremendous progress, I believe, on most
5 likely turning over that Building 1, which was
6 the administrative building for that campus. So
7 some of the noteworthy projects that were under
8 construction during summer and that were turned
9 back over to the campus when the school year
10 began.

11 Celebrating Milestones, I would be remiss if
12 I did not mention our, I would say inaugural, and
13 it kind of maybe sounds like there will be
14 others, we did a Q&A with the Superintendent and
15 the Student Advisor, Landyn. We are actually
16 actively in talks to try to carry that series on
17 and find other topics that are meaningful to get
18 the word out in the community on how the bond
19 projects are progressing. And so stay tuned for
20 that. I know it won't be in this particular
21 venue, but we hope that you guys will follow us
22 on social media and stay engaged with some of the
23 progress as we plan to try to take that series up
24 with Landyn. He is an excellent mouthpiece for
25 being able to navigate not only the dynamics of

1 the board, but also from end user perspective, he
2 is like such a great like -- I could not have
3 asked for a better partner in being able to
4 convey some of the, like the very bureaucracy
5 like driven, like things that we're dealing with
6 and putting into a more digestible laymen's terms
7 of what we're trying to do. So the Q&A is --
8 it's a long one, but it's very meaningful. We
9 touch on all of the topics. We talk about
10 financials, the schedule, the benefits, and how
11 the spaces are being used, and you get a really
12 good end user perspective on why this whole
13 project was necessary and how it's benefiting not
14 only the users now but for generations to come.

15 Summer construction I mentioned and we every
16 year always do a small back-to-school campaign
17 just kind of lighting all of the different work
18 that was done to get the schools ready back for
19 the students when they come back to school.

20 MS. KRISHNAIYER: You better get Landyn soon.

21 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes. Yes.

22 MS. KRISHNAIYER: One of the things Landyn
23 does with the school board is he brings students
24 in, he did this past workshop. You might want to
25 expand that and ask Landyn if he could keep the

1 kids and maybe move into the, you know, over
2 there and continue with them. Because they
3 were --

4 MS. WILLIAMS: They were actually -- actually
5 we had an item on that same day and I did have an
6 opportunity to have a little sidebar with him and
7 he was very adamant about us continuing our
8 engagement. So we're actively trying to identify
9 an opportunity for us to continue that
10 conversation. We're in district 6 and he's like
11 literally minutes down the street from our
12 office, so the goal is to get him and Dr. Hepburn
13 somehow to either maybe on a campus or bring some
14 of the students out to see some of the spaces so
15 we can really make the impact more meaningful.
16 Because, you know, the conversations about
17 budgets and thing like that, I think it gets lost
18 in translation really why what we're doing and
19 how important it is to the students and the next
20 generation.

21 So we're just trying to make it a little bit
22 more -- put in more human interest to the
23 construction. And so even though we are
24 sunsetting here, more to come on that front.

25 And the Smart-In-Action campaign, you saw

1 last time when we were at Boyd Anderson, just
2 more -- it gives us the opportunity to just focus
3 on how the spaces are being utilized. Yes, it's
4 taken some time. Yes, it's taken more dollars.
5 But the Broward County students and generations
6 have and will benefit from the work and all of
7 the struggles to get to this point. And so we're
8 really just trying to now hone in on making sure
9 that the community is aware how the -- that those
10 initiatives and all that hard work has really
11 paid in dividends to the future of the students
12 in the county.

13 And we also work with -- the one thing that's
14 there is the post-occupancy customer satisfaction
15 survey, we work with the AECOM executive team and
16 Atkins Realis to identify the schools that have
17 recently completed. We send out a very
18 comprehensive set of questions to get their
19 perspective on how they are utilizing the spaces
20 and if there are any areas that we need to know
21 so that we can document that for any future
22 construction activities that might be happening
23 not under the SMART Program.

24 And we had 27 on-site visits.

25 And then all of the activities that we have

1 we also document with a blog post that just gives
2 an overview of not only what we're doing but why
3 we're doing it. So we plan to continue that
4 until we get the go-ahead on -- the website will
5 remain until we identify what the -- the OCP next
6 step will be. And so the goal is just to keep
7 that, that website as current as possible so that
8 the community can still have that hub to follow
9 along with the progress as we hopefully finish
10 out the remaining projects that are still ongoing
11 in the program.

12 And these are just some analytics of the top
13 performing posts that we've had. Obviously, the
14 one with Landyn has been very well received
15 because he I guess -- he has a great following, I
16 have to say, and we've gotten --

17 MR. SHIM: He's an influencer.

18 MS. WILLIAMS: Yeah, he's a great influencer.
19 We've gotten a lot of great comments and then his
20 peers also share him doing the walk-throughs on
21 the different sites. So we definitely want to
22 try to take advantage of his influence and to try
23 to get as much student input and participation
24 and engagement as possible so that we can help to
25 amplify their voices and to really just reaffirm

1 the why so that we can kind of squelch the, you
2 know, the noise of the timeliness and things that
3 have happened but just kind of really remind the
4 people the benefits that this program has brought
5 to the students of Broward County.

6 And these are our platforms. As Michael
7 mentioned, please follow, like, share all the
8 things. We are on all of the platforms. We're
9 on Instagram, Twitter still, or not Twitter, X,
10 sorry, Facebook. We have a very robust YouTube
11 channel that has all of the videos that we
12 produce. And in addition to when we have site
13 visits we do a compilation at the end of every
14 winter and summer break of all the different
15 campuses so that anyone that is not able to get
16 out to the sites can see all of the good work
17 that's been done by the construction teams while
18 you guys are on vacation.

19 And that completes our report.

20 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Omar, I have a question. I
21 mean, you may not be able to answer this. But
22 we'll know next week which schools are being
23 closed, so what -- I mean, what happens to --
24 there are bond projects in some of them and,
25 hopefully, you know, they can be used for

1 district purposes. But is that -- would any of
2 that equipment, the technology stuff, anything,
3 be moved or allocated to other schools or do we
4 know?

5 MR. SHIM: I think it just depends on what
6 the board decides.

7 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Okay.

8 MR. SHIM: And that discussion is ongoing.
9 So at this point we have to really look at our,
10 you know, how best do you know what -- look at
11 our student population and so on.

12 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Right.

13 MR. SHIM: And redefining.

14 MS. KRISHNAIYER: That may be good, because
15 some of the schools may need some of that
16 equipment.

17 MR. SHIM: Right. And at the end of the day,
18 the big picture is that we have a lower student
19 population.

20 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Right.

21 MR. SHIM: There are a number of schools that
22 are under enrolled and we have to deal with that
23 challenge. And so we have to have those
24 discussions with the community, we have to have
25 those discussions with the board. The board will

1 hear the facts and all the information that we
2 provide and some of the recommendations, make a
3 determination on the schools. And then what to
4 do with the buildings afterwards, again, that's
5 another discussion.

6 So we'll have to -- once we understand what
7 those directions are, we will, accordingly, do --
8 make decisions about what's the best value of
9 moving that stuff, whether we use it for
10 administrative purpose or other academic purposes
11 or decide to dispose of the site. That's a
12 discussion that the board will have to have.

13 And, again, kind of redefines, you know -- or
14 defines our next step in facilities, which is we
15 really need to look at how to serve the student
16 population that we have now and in the future
17 with the facilities that we do have. So I think
18 that that's really the next challenge.

19 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Everyone's losing students
20 so --

21 MR. SHIM: Yeah. And, you know, we were in a
22 meeting today and there are a lot of reasons.
23 It's not just one reason. It's a lot of reasons.
24 I mean, from birth rates, to immigration, to
25 whatever it is, you know, there are a lot of

1 reasons and it's coming from all directions.

2 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Frankly, there are a lot of
3 families afraid to send their kids to school.

4 MR. SHIM: Yeah, that's just one of the
5 factors. There's also the economics of Florida
6 in general. It's so expensive to live down here.

7 So, again, there are a number of factors that
8 really go into that and quite complex. And we
9 have to somehow, you know, look at these
10 challenges as we go forward and, you know,
11 develop facilities that meet the needs of your
12 students. We need to stay very focused on that.
13 So that's what we're going to do.

14 MR. HILLBERG: Thank you.

15 All right. That brings us to the next school
16 board workshop. Part of that is the prior
17 workshop. Latha, I think that was your --

18 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Right. Look, they didn't
19 ask me any questions. I went over some of the
20 positive and then I talked to them about all of
21 the suggestions everyone had if they should do a
22 next bond, which I think they're going to do, and
23 that means, I don't think Dr. Zeman was very
24 pleased with that announcement, you know, that we
25 were willing to accept that they may get another

1 bond and the fact that we had some suggestions.
2 And you referred to some of them, you know,
3 getting the costs ahead of time, and making sure
4 the costs were accurate, so -- but they had
5 questions for staff, but not so much -- not a
6 single question for us. They just said thank
7 you.

8 MR. HILLBERG: Okay.

9 MR. SHIM: I also just wanted to add that,
10 you know, I mean they did discuss, I think,
11 another bond, but I wasn't -- it didn't seem
12 conclusive to me that that's something that --
13 that they believed that we had a ways to go to
14 earn back some trust with the community is what
15 my understanding of that was.

16 Now, for the next workshop, I -- I think that
17 it would be good if as many of you could go as
18 possible instead of sending one representative.
19 I know that it's a lot, but I think that, you
20 know, this is the last meeting and the board to
21 hear from committee for one last time, as many of
22 you that can go as possible, that would be the
23 best outcome. I think then that way, you know,
24 they can thank you properly, hopefully. Which,
25 I'm sure they will.

1 MS. KRISHNAIYER: As long as they don't
2 switch the times.

3 MR. TRACY: Yeah, will there be a time
4 certain for that?

5 MR. SHIM: I will fight to try to get a time
6 certain. And if you all, you know, as many of
7 you as possible can show, then that would be
8 great. What we could do, the meeting is
9 scheduled for the 17th?

10 MR. TRACY: Yeah, Tuesday the 17th.

11 MR. SHIM: Tuesday the 17th. And what I will
12 do is send a message to John Sullivan to try to
13 make that time certain so that -- so my
14 suggestion is that as many of you that can go and
15 confirm that time so what I can do is circulate
16 the time and if I get any confirmation, I believe
17 it takes one person, but I would suggest as many
18 of you to go as possible because I think it would
19 be -- it's just, to me, you know, we went through
20 it today and we talked about where we came and
21 what we learned and I think that hearing from the
22 committee is -- you know, hearing it from staff
23 is hearing it from staff, but the committee, you
24 guys have been all along that outside voice that
25 is kind of the feedback for the board as well.

1 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Tell John not to piggyback
2 us with Advisories. That was the problem and it
3 was the problem this time around on Tuesday or
4 Wednesday. So if we could go before them.

5 MR. SHIM: The good news is that I think the
6 Advisories are out of the way for this month
7 because they do it once a month and we have two
8 workshops this month. So they're doing it --

9 MS. KRISHNAIYER: I'll lobby.

10 MR. SHIM: February 3rd they're doing theirs
11 and then the 17th is the second one, so I don't
12 think the committees will be doing theirs.

13 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Oh, good.

14 MR. SHIM: So what I'll do is I'll try to get
15 the first spot for a time certain.

16 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Okay. Thank you.

17 MR. HILLBERG: Okay. So we're going to need
18 some points for the next workshop. And I
19 thought, one thing that impressed me is it's one
20 thing to talk about construction, it's a very dry
21 and emotionless subject, but when you go to the
22 sites after completion, the enthusiasm, and the
23 gratitude, and just overall happiness of the
24 resident staff, it's almost too much. But that
25 tells you that they -- that they're obviously

1 very, very happy with the outcome. So I think, I
2 think that is something that, I don't know that
3 the board members have seen it. They may visit,
4 but I would like to reiterate that, you know,
5 there's your message right there and that's going
6 to last for a long time.

7 So I had a second one if someone doesn't have
8 anything, but this will give you more time to
9 come up with something. I can't come up with all
10 of these myself.

11 So I did want to emphasize that the economic
12 development program keeps the money in the
13 community. We have raised that before, I'm just
14 seeing your thought, the point being, you know,
15 600 million, I'm going to round it up, \$600
16 million that went to local vendors and came right
17 back into the economy. So that's a -- that's a
18 great benefit for everyone, the residents, the
19 students and everybody is getting, you know,
20 benefit from that, and then they get to go to the
21 school that is enhanced by the program. So that
22 I think is kind of a closed loop. Your program
23 has been very successful in supporting the
24 community. And those are the two right off the
25 top of my head that I had. Anybody else have

1 anything?

2 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Just Dr. Zeman, that's the
3 second time he made the point. I forgot what he
4 said, something about 483 million we saved.

5 MR. SHIM: Right. He was talking about the
6 list of additional things that we delivered, that
7 list that Ashley went through that had those
8 schools of the expanded scope.

9 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Right. Right.

10 MR. SHIM: So I think his point was that on
11 top of what the public asked to do we expanded
12 the scope beyond that and delivered more --

13 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Right.

14 MR. SHIM: -- as a result of, you know, what
15 we started in the SMART Program. So that's what
16 he -- he was referring to, the 400 -- what is it
17 497?

18 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Because the public
19 generally pay attention to their own schools. So
20 it would be good to give the big picture of all
21 the schools that were involved.

22 MR. HILLBERG: Okay. That reminded me of
23 another one. I'm still amazed by the turnaround
24 of the Stranahan High School. We came in, there
25 was a lot of controversy about the cafeteria,

1 that it was improperly or not sized correctly and
2 so many people had opinions about how it should
3 be different, and the team adapted and made
4 changes, we got it done, and I don't think
5 there's any controversy. I'm sure somebody's not
6 happy with it, but they're not -- they're gone.
7 I can't imagine --

8 MR. SHIM: I can't imagine what the next
9 challenge will be. So there's more to be done.
10 And, you know, I think just generally speaking
11 across the district, and especially with the
12 changing in student dynamics as far as where the
13 kids are, you know, we still have challenges, so
14 that's -- we have a lot of next steps things to
15 do, of course.

16 MR. HILLBERG: But I think that's the major
17 strength of this program was that it's giant. I
18 mean, all the schools, 230-something schools and
19 to react to one area in one school due to some
20 public outcry, and we listened and were
21 responsive, made those -- incorporated those
22 needs and got it done and the community by and
23 large was pleased. And to me I can't -- I've
24 never seen that happen. So kudos.

25 MS. KRISHNAIYER: And I'm saying the bond

1 dollars were properly used. You know TaxWatch
2 was with us in the beginning or almost until the
3 end, but that's one thing the public needs to
4 know. Because there's misinformation there that
5 the money went here, the money went there, but,
6 no, the money was used for the purpose that it
7 was, you know, meant for.

8 MR. SHIM: Yeah, and I think that the -- the
9 real lesson that I see in that is that, you know,
10 there were delays --

11 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Mm-hmm.

12 MR. SHIM: And there were -- and that led to
13 budget overruns and, you know, those delays
14 really stemmed from the beginning of the program,
15 meaning, that we weren't ready as an
16 organization. We went from zero and expected to
17 go to 60 miles an hour and didn't have the runway
18 to do it. We didn't have the staff. We didn't
19 have all the different things in place, our
20 practice weren't straightened out. So it took us
21 probably at least two years to get those things
22 hammered out before we really got a program in
23 place that could begin to do the work. And to me
24 I think that that was something. And then the
25 initial program, itself, we didn't do the

1 planning up front in terms of really putting
2 together projects that were doable. We looked at
3 needs and decided to address those needs without
4 putting together a package of projects that could
5 be delivered. And that was done while we were
6 flying the airplane and we probably shouldn't do
7 that in the next round.

8 MR. HILLBERG: And you didn't have time to
9 anticipate the next set of problems because
10 you're dealing with the first set. And they just
11 kept coming, which is normal.

12 MR. SHIM: As we started to put together the
13 project we saw like, you know, how do you meet
14 the code and how do you meet other things that
15 are necessary in the projects that weren't in the
16 original project, because there were just things
17 that had to be done in order to do the project.

18 So, really -- and then, you know, where we
19 looked at one part of it, by the time we even got
20 around to it, the problem had gotten worse so we
21 had to address more of it, because, you know,
22 after a few years, after you've gotten in gear to
23 do it, the problem is much worse than when you
24 started.

25 So a lot of that was really not very well

1 planned out and I think that that's well
2 documented through the discussions with TaxWatch
3 and all along the program.

4 So these are good lessons learned I think
5 going forward and hopefully something that will
6 be captured through this program.

7 MR. HILLBERG: Which just recently it was
8 pointed out that you shouldn't have one sub
9 working on 20 projects at the same time. They're
10 not going to be to be able to do the projects.
11 And that's -- I don't know who could see that
12 coming, but -- unless you're looking for
13 something like that.

14 MR. TRACY: Right. And that's one of the
15 things about, you know, in the future if you're
16 doing a large project having some sort of
17 enterprise project management so that you can see
18 where all these subs are and possibly tweak some
19 of the schedules so that you're not -- you're not
20 killing one sub and another sub's sitting idle or
21 you're delaying a project for something that
22 could have been pushed off. You know, one of the
23 biggest things in any project is understanding
24 what the critical path is and things that can be
25 put into what we call float can be -- you can

1 shift those around to better utilize your --
2 whatever -- whatever capacities you have, whether
3 you're limited by material constraints, things
4 delayed. You know, during COVID and things shut
5 down you had certain -- certain material
6 suppliers, instead of being eight weeks were now
7 40 weeks.

8 MS. CARPENTER: Right.

9 MR. TRACY: How -- how can you -- you know,
10 and having better project management would be a
11 good way to handle that. Another thing which I
12 mentioned at the -- at the workshop I went to,
13 which, you know, the fact that the bond was
14 approved and it's, okay, let's come up with
15 projects, start -- you know, have shovel-ready
16 projects on hand and perhaps either at the -- at
17 the area supervisor level or even at say the --
18 the high school section level, you know, the high
19 school and all its feeder schools, have them each
20 year come up with what are our most pressing
21 needs, and put a wish list together that you can
22 sort of -- you know, I'm not saying come up with
23 a full set of plans, but at least have a concept
24 of what this -- this area needs, what this --
25 this -- you know, say Hollywood Hills High School

1 and their feeders, what's their most pressing
2 needs this year, and just put together a -- if we
3 had -- if we had \$100 million, what could we do
4 in this area of the county? And what's the most
5 pressing need? But also you'll get the -- get
6 the input from the people actually working those
7 programs, you know, instead of having, you know,
8 say -- because I know back in the day some of
9 these were pet projects by various school board
10 members or whatever, but having the input at
11 the -- at the school level, and these are our
12 needs, this is how we can better address, you
13 know, enrollment issues or whatever. You know,
14 people don't want to come to our school because
15 they don't like the way it looks, you know, it's
16 ugly, it's dated, whatever. Well, maybe a nice
17 paint job or changing the fence to make -- make
18 the campus more attractive, you know, cheap money
19 that draws people in. And also more of the
20 outreach, like I mentioned when we went to BA,
21 have some of the people that went through that
22 program, see if those students -- yeah, see if
23 those students would be willing to go to the
24 feeder elementary and middle schools and say,
25 this -- you know, you don't need to go to that

1 charter school or you don't need to go to that
2 private school, this is what we -- this is what I
3 got out of going to my high school. Why don't
4 you come? And, you know, just -- just that sort
5 of, you know -- and, you know, you were talking
6 about -- about the high school student, Landyn.

7 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Landyn; mm-hmm.

8 MR. TRACY: You know, somebody like him. If
9 you had 30 Landyns just going around the county.

10 MS. CARPENTER: I think what you said about
11 subs is really interesting and it's a really good
12 point, because, you know, what EDOC has been
13 doing with building up the pool of certified
14 firms I think will really help with the next
15 group of projects, you know, that there's just
16 more -- because the primes are trying to meet
17 goals, right, and maybe there aren't as many --
18 there weren't as many firms five years ago when
19 we put a lot of projects out for construction --

20 MR. TRACY: Right. If you have 10 instead of
21 three --

22 MS. CARPENTER: -- and then having to pull
23 from the same subs, and now we'll be better, you
24 know, set up to have a bigger pool.

25 Also, there were just too many construction

1 projects put out at once. You know, it's just,
2 we had the delay early on in the program and then
3 everything went out to design in too quick a
4 period and then everything went out to
5 construction in too quick a period and so we --

6 MR. SHIM: Pig in the python.

7 MS. CARPENTER: Yeah, I didn't really want to
8 say it, but, yeah, the pig in a python, you know,
9 it was kind of a mantra there for a while and
10 that also led to us having, you know, the same
11 subs on too many projects.

12 MR. TRACY: Right.

13 MS. CARPENTER: And so there were some, you
14 know, lessons learned there that I think, you
15 know, moving forward we kind of -- understanding
16 how we got there is a big part in, you know, not
17 going there again.

18 MR. TRACY: And an advantage of having
19 something like several shovel-ready projects
20 ready to go, you're phasing the construction, you
21 know. Not on a particular project, but let's say
22 The Big 3, if they were staged 18 months apart so
23 that the shell people can move from school, to
24 school, to school, the trades people can move
25 from school, to school, to school, instead of how

1 can we handle, you know, 15 schools around the
2 county that all need their alarm systems put in
3 this month, you know?

4 MS. CARPENTER: Right.

5 MR. TRACY: And that's, again, if you're
6 going to do a large-scale project to have -- come
7 up with -- with a methodology that would give you
8 a way to phase that entire project so that you're
9 building out -- you know, when you see a
10 developer building out an entire community,
11 they -- they do, you know, two, or four, or five
12 house starts a week. They're not going to put
13 all 500 houses in the ground on the same day.
14 They have -- they have a pattern and the idea is,
15 you know, you can start, you have two shell
16 crews, they each start two houses a week, so
17 you're starting four houses a week and they just
18 methodically work their way through the
19 neighborhood. They're using the same people.
20 Once they understand the processes they become
21 more efficient. You know, having somebody come
22 in for a single project, half of their job is
23 just learning what the process is. But if you
24 use that same contractor on six or seven
25 projects, by the time they're on the third, not

1 only is the project going faster but they're
2 happier because they're making more money, and
3 your costs are being cut because they're doing
4 something on that first -- well, I remember when
5 I was working building schools, they built
6 five -- five school models, that was a brand new
7 design, Coral Park was one of them, Sandpiper.
8 And Coral Park was the first one started and I
9 think it was the fourth one finished. Because
10 there was so much to learn, it was such a unique
11 design.

12 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Riverside. Riverside was
13 one.

14 MR. TRACY: Yeah. And just learning, you
15 know, and you get something that works and have
16 people do it, and, again, just phasing the
17 projects. And, you know, maybe you have to work
18 it, you know, as you're phasing, well, you have
19 to start, you know, on this quarter you're going
20 to start five projects. Well, you're going to
21 start them in five different districts, you know,
22 so that -- so that the school board members each
23 have a project going on in their district. You
24 know, and it's not -- it's not really -- you
25 know, part of that is you want to show that

1 you're looking at the east schools and the west
2 schools and the north schools and the south
3 schools, that everybody's getting the same thing.
4 You know, you get this sort of, how come the
5 schools in the east never get anything?
6 Everything out in the west gets something. Or,
7 you know, the richer schools, you know, the
8 principal puts a thing out, yeah, we need half a
9 dozen computers and the PTA says, here you go.
10 You know, where others it's, you know, bake sales
11 and everything else for three months to get one.

12 MR. SHIM: Well, you know, one thing I'll
13 point out that occurred before the SMART Program
14 was all the development in the west in terms of
15 the need for building classrooms.

16 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Because the population was
17 there.

18 MR. SHIM: The population was there. We did
19 quite a bit of that out -- and now these new
20 buildings are getting older. But what we didn't
21 do and what we had scheduled were some of the
22 replacements out east, and those were scheduled
23 and we even borrowed money to do some of those
24 projects prior to the financial --

25 MR. TRACY: Crash.

1 MR. SHIM: -- crash. And we never got to
2 them because we didn't, you know, we got what I
3 mentioned, the -- what went down and we got the
4 funding kind of taken out. And then it affected
5 those schools.

6 So the way that that manifests itself now is
7 that, you know, we did some things with the SMART
8 Program, we addressed some of these schools out
9 east partially, but, you know, now we're looking
10 at redefining and what that has to do with it.

11 So I think that plays a lot into how you are
12 going to address in terms of the age of the
13 schools and what there is to do. So, you know,
14 it just depends on how the board wants to
15 approach it when they see all the facts and the
16 information.

17 MR. TRACY: Yeah, and another thing is the
18 FCA, have a more up-to-date FCA. If you're
19 planning to do a project on a campus, make sure
20 you have an accurate Facility Condition
21 Assessment so that you're not going to attempt to
22 remodel a building that really should be
23 demolished in three years.

24 MS. CARPENTER: Right.

25 MS. KRISHNAIYER: You know, there's going to

1 be a long-range plan. Can some of these
2 suggestions go in there?

3 MR. SHIM: Oh, yeah. That's the whole point
4 of this.

5 MS. KRISHNAIYER: So maybe, you know, write
6 all of what you said and send it to Omar and he
7 can put it in.

8 MR. SHIM: Yeah, I think what we're trying do
9 here with this last portion of the committee here
10 is to write -- in here we do have a lot of what
11 was accomplished and some of the lessons learned.
12 But if there's something that's not in here send
13 it to me and I'll make sure that it's something
14 that we carry forward. Because as we're going
15 forward this is something that we're going to go
16 and make sure that we look back and capture.
17 Even when we do the FCA meetings, you know, we
18 bring up some of the issues and the things that
19 we went through and some of the lessons learned
20 that we had in this version. So as we develop
21 those plans going forward there's certainly the
22 baseline, these lessons learned and some of the
23 things that we've done in the SMART Program.

24 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Yeah, that will be very
25 useful if it goes in there.

1 MR. SHIM: I mean, what you're saying about
2 shovel-ready projects, that's already out there.
3 We don't plan on going into a program unless we
4 have shovel-ready projects. And even in the FCA
5 we're starting to look at that. We put together
6 the need, and that's just, okay, we've got a
7 broken system over here and we have these
8 deficiencies, but those are just deficiencies,
9 they're not projects. Meaning that, when you go
10 out to develop a project you've got to look at
11 all the code issues that you're going to run
12 into, you've got to look at what the room is used
13 for. And once you touch something it means that
14 other things have to be addressed; right? And
15 that's not something that you assess in just a
16 need. That's something that you see the need,
17 but once you go to fix it, it's a whole different
18 project; right?

19 MS. CARPENTER: Right. Once you develop the
20 scope you really have to look at all the
21 ancillary things that are going to have to be
22 done to address those needs.

23 MR. SHIM: Right. So, hopefully, we have,
24 you know, that angle and these lessons.

25 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Or the state sends \$400

1 million into space or whatever with the voucher
2 funding, that's \$400 million sitting there which
3 was not used and we could have spent. So that
4 bill passed today or yesterday separating the
5 two, but that doesn't help public schools because
6 that funding will continue but they -- they
7 weren't watching it. I mean, we get blamed and
8 the public schools are looked at, but that 400
9 million the audit hadn't -- you know, the state
10 auditor hadn't brought it up, that was 400
11 million that was just wasted.

12 MR. TRACY: Yeah, the state senator said on
13 any given day we have no idea where 30,000 of
14 these vouchers are. We could use some of that
15 30,000.

16 MR. HILLBERG: Is that something we can bring
17 up to the board in the next workshop?

18 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Well, it's passed. The
19 senate bill has passed but I'll send the paper
20 out. Robin, actually, Robin --

21 MR. SHIM: That's more of a legislative
22 issue.

23 MS. KRISHNAIYER: That's a legislative issue.
24 There's nothing the board can do, but Robin is
25 sponsoring the house bill so.

1 MR. HILLBERG: Okay. So the last -- I think
2 we have enough material, I'll forward this.

3 MR. SHIM: Do you have somebody that you're
4 deciding to send just in case and then
5 everybody --

6 MR. HILLBERG: I'll go.

7 MR. SHIM: Okay. You'll go. Okay. And then
8 we'll just -- I'll just --

9 MR. HILLBERG: Everybody else --

10 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Well, I can come if there's
11 nothing. That's PTA Founders Day and they were
12 thinking of doing something at the state office,
13 but I'll ask them to do it another day, so --

14 MR. SHIM: Okay. So I'll send out the time
15 that it's scheduled for once I nail that down
16 with Mr. Sullivan and then -- to the committee
17 and then you guys can look at your schedules.

18 MS. KRISHNAIYER: Once you nail it down and
19 let Mr. Sullivan know, no delays.

20 MR. HILLBERG: So does resource voted
21 scheduling help with avoiding these bottlenecks?

22 Okay. That will be something, but there's a
23 different way of putting that in the -- I don't
24 know, and also in this effort we have managed to
25 streamline some processes, one of them was the

1 permitting process where if an applicant couldn't
2 get the intent of the project to meet the
3 building department's needs they could go on an
4 endless provision cycle, there were 9 and 10
5 revision cycles. And so through this, our effort
6 and our analysis, actually, you revised the
7 process so that if it didn't get approved on the
8 second you called it some sort of stand-in --

9 MS. CARPENTER: Stand-up review.

10 MR. HILLBERG: Stand-up review.

11 MS. CARPENTER: On the third.

12 MR. HILLBERG: And they need to continue like
13 that, it's just part of the process analysis and
14 whatever's a weak spot.

15 MR. TRACY: And that's in the statute now,
16 too.

17 MR. HILLBERG: It is?

18 MR. TRACY: Yeah. If you're submitting a
19 permit, if it goes through two times without an
20 approval, you have -- you have a face-to-face
21 meeting and work it out.

22 MR. HILLBERG: Okay. Okay. Good. So
23 that'll be that. We've got that covered.

24 And now the next item is to recess the
25 business meeting. We are recessed.

1 We convene the public hearing. Is there
2 anyone here from the public that wants to speak?

3 There's someone sitting in back and I think
4 they should have to be -- is it mandatory?

5 No? Okay. We do not have anybody from the
6 public.

7 So I will adjourn the public hearing,
8 reconvene the business meeting, open it for
9 discussion. Any discussion points?

10 MR. TRACY: I think we beat that horse.

11 CHIEF DEMOPOULOS: I haven't talked.

12 Hi. Hope you all are well. I will not be
13 here the 17th, I'll be in Tallahassee, so I
14 apologize I will not be able to make it.

15 I do say thank you from a fire safety, just
16 safety standpoint, for the district to take the
17 time, effort, money, resources to upgrade fire
18 alarm systems, fire sprinkler systems, install
19 them in buildings that didn't have it is a huge
20 life safety investment, so the Fire Chiefs
21 Association thanks you all. Please keep the
22 Locals engaged, involved in future endeavors,
23 future projects. Whatever the Locals can do to
24 help, we will be here to assist. So thank you.

25 MR. SHIM: Thank you.

1 MR. HILLBERG: Okay. I have one thing, I
2 reached out to Bob Nave and let him know that
3 this was the last meeting. He was happy to see
4 it come to an end, and what an undertaking, and
5 it was a little bit longer than it was scheduled
6 for, but --

7 MS. KRISHNAIYER: I will be in Tallahassee
8 the week after next, so I'll let him know because
9 he's always saying, if you come to Tallahassee,
10 call me.

11 MR. HILLBERG: All right. The last item is
12 adjournment.

13 MS. KRISHNAIYER: I just want to take a
14 moment to thank all of the staff. You know,
15 you've helped us so much. We could not,
16 obviously, have done anything without all of you,
17 so I just have to say, thank you.

18 MR. TRACY: Yes, you've all been very
19 dedicated, professional. It's been a pleasure.
20 More or less.

21 MR. PATEL: Yeah, I just wanted to thank you
22 guys so much. You know, like we also produce for
23 the City of Fort Lauderdale 500-page documents
24 every quarter that Steve's a part of. So like I
25 know how much effort and how much dedication like

1 it takes to put this board, meeting materials,
2 coordination with all different heads all
3 together and we thank you for your service.

4 MS. CARPENTER: Thank you.

5 MR. HILLBERG: Without further ado, the
6 meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

7 (Meeting was concluded at 7:10 p.m.)
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