



BEX /BTA Oversight Committee

December 9, 2022, 8:30 – 10:30 AM

JSCEE Board Auditorium

Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. Duncan Griffin called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
- b. Roll call
 - i. Committee members present: Duncan Griffin, Sherry Edquid, Jennifer DuHamel, Michelle Moore, Rob Stephenson, Warren Johnson, Monty Anderson
 - ii. Committee members online: Janet Donelson, Robynne Thaxton, Steve Tatge
 - iii. Committee members absent: Daniel Williams
 - iv. Board Directors present: Vivian Song Maritz, Lisa Rivera Smith
 - v. Capital Projects Staff present: Richard Best, Melissa Coan, Mike Skutack, Tom Gut, Becky Asencio, Paul Cathcart, Ian Brown, Jen Lincoln
- c. The meeting agenda: Richard Best proposed a change to the agenda to acknowledge that Jen Lincoln would provide the update on Expiring Terms. Warren Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. Michelle Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. The minutes from November 18, 2022: Sherry Edquid made a motion to approve the minutes. Warren Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Expiring Terms BEX/BTA Oversight Committee Members

Ms. Lincoln reminded the committee that six members had terms expiring at the end of the month. She conveyed that the application closure date had been extended to Friday, December 9, 2022. She asked any members who wanted to continue with the committee to complete the application.

3. Budget Update

Ms. Coan reported on the BEX IV Program through October 31, 2022. She reminded the committee that the January 2023 meeting would include a deep dive into each of the levy programs. She conveyed which projects in BEX IV incurred expenses over the month of October. She highlighted that the revenue received matched the budget. The committee and staff discussed the Program Contingency. Mr. Best clarified that expenditures from the Program Contingency greater than \$500K were submitted to the School Board for approval.

Ms. Coan reported on the BTA IV Program through October 31, 2022. She highlighted savings realized for two projects and indicated additional savings were anticipated throughout the program. She addressed a transfer that appeared in this report as a negative but would be corrected in a future report. Ms. Coan noted a revenue shortfall, unique to this program. She assured the committee that she was monitoring the situation and continuing to investigate the matter with the SPS Finance Department.

Ms. Coan reported on the BEX V Program through October 31, 2022. She conveyed that most of the month's expenses were in Major Projects. She highlighted budget transfers into three Major Projects – Alki, John Rogers and Montlake ES related to inflationary pressures.

The committee and staff discussed costs incurred in connection to implementing the Student Community Workforce Agreement (SCWA). Mr. Best described activities related to the implementation, such as tracking data and meeting with organizations supporting the SCWA. He confirmed that the committee would receive a presentation on the SCWA in March 2023.

4. Project Status Reports

Mr. Best and Senior Project Managers Mike Skutack and Tom Gut reported on the Major Projects currently in progress. They presented project background and described the status of the work at each site.

The committee and staff discussed cross-laminated timber (CLT). Mr. Griffin offered to participate in conversations about how to plan for the dismantling and reuse of CLT. Mr. Best conveyed that staff planned to analyze the expense and benefits of using CLT and would include the topic in a future committee meeting.

The committee and staff also discussed geothermal wells and pursuing funding for them through Inflation Reduction Act, the benefits of gender-neutral single occupancy restrooms, the challenges of permeable pavement, and the potential for vandalism at job sites despite the use of security cameras.

5. BTA V Capital Levy Implementation/BEX VI Capital Levy Update

Ms. Asencio opened the discussion with a review of the BTA V Levy categories of work and corresponding costs. She highlighted the escalation rate of 4% per year and the significant funding allocated to the Department of Technology Services (DoTS) for technology through the levies. Mr. Best confirmed for the committee that he could invite Executive Director of Technology Carlos del Valle to deliver updates on the Technology projects.

Ms. Asencio explained that a downtown school was not included in this levy because enrollment projections do not indicate a near-term need for it. Mr. Best clarified that Seattle Public Schools (SPS) works closely with the City of Seattle to identify and plan for population projections. He highlighted funding provided in BTA V for a demographer, FLO Analytics, to inform the planning of BEX VI. He noted that they will present their findings to the committee in Winter 2023.

Ms. Asencio presented the BTA V Capital Levy Implementation Plan schedule. She highlighted the three largest projects in the plan.

Ms. Asencio presented the Cash Flow for BTA V. She described how staff will integrate this program with all previous levies to verify scheduling, staffing, and site work. Mr. Best clarified that there was no

opportunity to adjust the escalation rate and that the remaining option was to reduce project scope to meet the budgets available per the levy.

Ms. Asencio concluded the presentation with an introductory one-pager about BEX VI Capital Levy planning. She noted that a more complete presentation on BEX VI Capital Levy was planned for a future committee meeting.

6. Clean Energy Task Force Update

Mr. Best introduced Executive Assistant Jen Lincoln, Senior Facilities Planner Paul Cathcart, and Resource Conservation Specialist Ian Brown. Ms. Lincoln presented an overview and timeline of activities for the Clean Energy Task Force. Mr. Cathcart presented the overarching policy recommendations from the task force. Mr. Brown presented the Washington State Clean Building Performance Standards and their implications for different sizes of SPS buildings.

7. Meeting recap

Mr. Griffin reminded the committee of the next meeting on January 13 and identified topics proposed for that agenda. Mr. Best asked the committee and Board directors for topics for future meetings.

Mr. Griffin adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.