



BEX /BTA Oversight Committee

March 10, 2023, 8:30 – 10:30 AM

JSCEE Board Auditorium

Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. Janet Donelson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
- b. Roll call
 - i. Committee members present: Janet Donelson, Duncan Griffin, Michelle Moore, Jennifer DuHamel, Warren Johnson, Robynne Thaxton, Monty Anderson, Luis Adan
 - ii. Committee members online: Lavina Sadhwani, Steve Tatge
 - iii. Committee members absent: Sherry Edquid
 - iv. Board Directors present: Vivian Song Maritz
 - v. Capital Projects Staff present: Richard Best, Fred Podesta, Becky Asencio, Melissa Coan, Vince Gonzales, Jen Lincoln
- c. The meeting agenda: Warren Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer DuHamel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. The minutes from February 10, 2023: Duncan Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes. Warren Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Budget Update

Ms. Coan reported on the BEX IV Program through January 31, 2023. She noted that the program was 97% spent. She highlighted the balance in the Underspend fund.

Ms. Coan reported BTA IV Program through January 31, 2023. She conveyed that the program was 88% spent. She highlighted a program savings of \$2.3M.

Mr. Best addressed two upcoming project audits at Webster Elementary School and Ingraham High School. He clarified the purpose of the audits, to be performed by external auditors, regarding the use of General Contractor/Construction Management delivery method. The committee asked to receive the Executive Summary, Lessons Learned, and Audit Responses for these and all future audits.

Ms. Coan reported on the BEX V Program through January 31, 2023. She conveyed that this program is 33% spent. She highlighted that the expenses appeared lower than expected due to late postings over the winter holidays. She confirmed that levy collections were as planned.

The committee and Mr. Best discussed the potential impacts of shifting \$11M of General Fund costs to the Capital Fund. Mr. Best confirmed that Capital staff were watching project budgets closely, due in part to the current high inflationary period. He agreed to meet with Mr. Podesta about this matter and provide Director Song Maritz additional information via email.

3. Project Status Reports

Mr. Best and Senior Project Manager Vince Gonzales reported on the Major Projects under construction. They highlighted schedule impacts and delayed building openings related to the Concrete Strike.

Mr. Griffin requested a report and corresponding discussion about the Energy Use Index and Air Quality of the new buildings. Ms. Donelson recommended this matter be scheduled for October or November.

Mr. Anderson highlighted the challenge of ensuring that contractors hire apprentices, according to the requirements of the Student Community Workforce Agreement (SCWA). He asserted the need to monitor this matter going forward.

4. Student-Community Workforce Agreement 9:30 am

- **Introduction/Background (Richard Best – Seattle Public Schools)**
- **Student Focus (Harvey Wright & Jay Connolly – Seattle Public Schools)**
- **Labor Workforce Focus (Anna Pavlik, Osvaldo Guel, Nidia Henriquez – City of Seattle)**
- **Women/Minority Business Enterprises Focus (Stephanie Caldwell – Absher; Vicki Puckett - Cornerstone; & Di Nunez – Lydig)**

Mr. Connolly and Mr. Wright presented the opportunities of introducing Seattle Public Schools (SPS) students to the construction trades through the Student-Community Workforce Agreement. They highlighted the coordination efforts being made by District contractors and Seattle Building Trades Council to make presentations to CTE and Skills Center classrooms. They conveyed plans for continuing to develop these educational programs.

The committee and presenters discussed the locations of the SPS Construction Trades programs and the roles that plays in reaching students and families with these opportunities. The presenters described a return to a prior education model, which would extend the reach of this type of curriculum. The presenters acknowledged that more locations throughout the city for these programs would influence the demographics of the students accessing these opportunities.

Ms. Pavlik, Ms. Henriquez, and Mr. Guel presented the Labor Workforce and their efforts monitoring demographics. The committee praised the program's progress and shared optimism for continued changes. The committee recognized the challenge of affecting a culture change, such that workers will identify themselves as veterans, SPS earners, and other reported areas.

Ms. Caldwell, Ms. Puckett, and Ms. Nunez presented efforts, successes, and next steps for hiring Women and Minority Owned Business Enterprises (W/MBE) on SPS construction projects. Due to limited time, the committee was not able to discuss this information with the presenters during the meeting.

5. Meeting Re-cap

Janet Donelson adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.