



Arlington
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Meeting
October 21, 2025
Joey Rodriguez Junior High School
807 Sherry Street
Arlington, Texas 76010
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

1. Facility Tour – Joey Rodriguez Junior High School
(Wm. Kelly Horn)
2. CBOC Meeting Introduction
(Catherine Parra – CBOC Chairperson)
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Dinner
 - c. Review Updated Committee Charge
3. Committee Work Session
(Catherine Parra / Wm. Kelly Horn)
 - a. Review 2019 Bond Program Finances
 - Excess Bond Funds
 - Excess Interest Earnings
 - b. Review Allowable Use of Excess Bond Funds / Interest Earnings
 - General Bond Propositions
 - Special Purpose Bond Propositions
 - c. Workshop
 - Identify Potential Projects for Excess Bond Funds / Interest
4. CBOC Project Tour
 - a. November 18, 2025, from 5:00-5:30pm
 - b. Location – Foster Elementary School
1025 High Point Road
Arlington, TX 76015
5. CBOC Closing
 - a. Next Meeting – January 27, 2026
 - b. Location – Key Elementary School
 - c. Topic – Workshop TBD



Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Charge

Purpose

The **Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC)** is established by the Arlington ISD Board of Trustees as an oversight committee that monitors the use of funds approved by the public in the 2019 bond election. This committee is established to ensure accountability and transparency to promote public confidence in the district's use of voter-approved funds. In addition, this committee should review the needs of the district to recommend additional projects with any remaining funds including interest earned. The Board believes the function of the Committee is vital to the Board, Arlington ISD administration, and taxpayers.

Authority

The Committee shall operate strictly within the charge approved by the Board of Trustees. The Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board and shall not assume the responsibilities or duties of the Board or the administration.

The committee shall represent equally all citizens, all students, all school campuses, and all taxpayers within the boundaries of the Arlington ISD. Individual members of the Committee shall not exercise authority for the Committee as a whole and shall not act independently of the Committee.

The Committee shall operate within applicable Arlington ISD policies and regulations and applicable law. The Board may suspend the Committee at any time.

Committee Membership

1. The Committee shall be comprised of a maximum of fifteen voting members appointed by the Board and non-voting student members representing each high school.
2. Committee membership may include no more than four Arlington ISD employees. In addition to committee members, the Board may appoint committee non-voting alternates at their discretion.
3. Committee members must pay property taxes (residential and/or commercial taxes) to the Arlington ISD and be current on their property taxes to be eligible for Committee membership.
4. Every application received by the Board shall be given careful consideration. Final selection shall be determined by the Board.

5. Committee members, their relatives and their employers are prohibited from having contracts or pending contracts with Arlington ISD for the 2019 Bond Program during their term on the Committee.
6. The Committee shall strive to equally represent all citizens, all students, all school campuses, and all taxpayers within the boundaries of the Arlington ISD.
7. Individual members of the Committee shall not exercise authority for the Committee and shall not act independently of the Committee.
8. The Committee shall operate within applicable Arlington ISD policies, regulations and law. All meetings of the Committee (and subcommittees) shall be open to the public.
9. The Arlington ISD administration shall be available to the Committee as required, but within limitations imposed by the administration's daily duties.
10. Each Committee member shall be asked to make a firm commitment to attend all Committee meetings, to visit District facilities as needed, and to participate in the formation of reports to the Board.
11. Committee members shall miss no more than two Committee meetings in any calendar year (not including subcommittee meetings) to remain a member of the Committee.

The Committee may adopt operating rules and may seek advice from Arlington ISD employees as appropriate.

The Committee shall meet at least once each quarter to review the bond program expenditures and progress.

Additional meetings may be called, as necessary, by the Committee Chairperson and Superintendent or Superintendent's designee (not including subcommittee meetings).

The Committee shall provide progress reports, findings, and recommendations to the Board annually or more frequently, if appropriate.

Upon completion of its responsibilities, the Committee shall dissolve unless continued by approval of the Board.

The Board may suspend the Committee at any time.

Committee Appointment and Term

Every application received by the Board will be given careful consideration. The final selection will be determined by the Board in accordance with the membership composition detailed above. In addition to Committee members, the Board may appoint Committee alternates at their discretion. Alternates may attend Committee meetings and participate in Committee discussions; however, they are not eligible to vote on Committee recommendations.

Committee members shall serve 2-year terms, and non-voting student members shall serve a 1-year term. Terms may be extended for an additional one or two years upon approval of the Board of Trustees.

Any Committee member who files for election to the Board must immediately resign from the Committee.

Committee Officers and Duties

The Board of Trustees will appoint a Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve at the will of the Board. The Committee Chairperson and Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall establish the specific timeline, frequency of meetings, and agendas for the meetings. The Committee Chairperson and Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall also organize the formation of subcommittees, as appropriate, to research and analyze issues in greater detail. Subcommittees shall operate strictly within the Committee charge approved by the Board. Members of the Arlington ISD administration shall be available to the Committee as required, but within limitations imposed by the administrators' daily duties.

Committee Member Expectations

Each Committee member will be asked to make a firm commitment to attend all Committee meetings, to visit District facilities as needed, and to participate in the formation of reports to the Board. Committee members shall miss no more than two Committee meetings in any calendar year (not including subcommittee meetings) to remain a member of the Committee. Any member who misses three Committee meetings in any calendar year will be removed from the Committee, and the Board may appoint an alternate to that vacant position.

Two-thirds of the Committee membership must be present at scheduled meetings for the Committee to vote. If less than two-thirds of the Committee membership is present, they shall meet but not vote. All decisions of the Committee shall be made by majority vote of those in attendance who are eligible to vote.

The Committee shall provide progress reports, findings, and recommendations to the Board annually or more frequently, if appropriate. The Committee Chairperson may contact the Board regarding Committee matters at any time.

Actions taken by the Board of Trustees on the recommendations presented by the Committee could include approval, amendment, alteration, or non-approval of Committee recommendations either in-whole or in-part.

Committee Charge

1. Review of Current Bond Projects
 - Receive regular updates on the status of all current bond-funded projects.
 - Monitor project timelines, budgets, and expenditures to ensure alignment with original expectations.
 - Review progress against originally stated goals, including any changes in project scope or scheduling.
2. Review of Potential Remaining Bond Funds and Interest Earned
 - Review project budgets, scope, and related expenditures to determine savings.
 - Receive reports on potential Bond interest earned.
3. Determine Allowable Use of Excess Bond Funds/Interest
 - Work with the administration to understand the legal ramifications and means for reallocating remaining bond funds or interest earned from the bond funds.
4. Establish Criteria and Identify Potential Projects for Excess/Interest Funds
 - Review previously deferred projects or projects that were not funded in the original 2019 bond program.
 - Determine if projects not included in the original scope are still necessary.
 - Receive reports from district administrators regarding the current needs of the district.
5. Report to the Board of Trustees
 - Prepare and present an annual report to the Board of Trustees and the public that includes:
 - A summary of completed and ongoing projects
 - Updates on expenditures and budget adherence
 - Recommend projects to be funded by excess Bond funds/interest
 - Report Historically Under-utilized Business Participation (HUB)
 - Highlight any concerns or recommendations related to Bond program effectiveness or integrity.
 - If needed for timely decisions, collaborate with district administrators to provide additional recommendations to the Board of Trustees as appropriate.

Committee Meeting Format & Structure

All meetings of the Committee will start at 5:00 PM and shall be open to the public. The estimated meeting duration shall be approximately two hours but can be subject to change depending on the needs and/or progress of the committee.

Each meeting shall limit presentation time from administration to a maximum of 30 minutes. Each meeting shall ensure a minimum of 30 minutes of work time designated to develop recommendations based on observations made from the data and reports that have been reviewed/presented.

Meeting agendas, attendance logs, presentations, handouts and preliminary observations shall be compiled and maintained for the duration of the year and shall be made available to the Board as needed.

Committee Reports

An annual report shall be prepared and presented to the Board of Trustees at a regular meeting to be determined by the Board and the superintendent.

Committee Meeting Schedule (Subject to change with notice)

August 8, 2025: Central Administration Building
August 26, 2025: Martin High School
September 16, 2025: Miller Elementary School
October 21, 2025: Rodriguez Junior High School
November 18, 2025: Foster Elementary School
December 16, 2025: Pope Elementary School
January 27, 2026: Key Elementary School
February 24, 2026: Support Services Center
April 21, 2026: Johns Elementary School



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CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE 2019 BOND PROGRAM WORKSHOP

October 21, 2025

Bond Program Financial Summary

(Phases I-V)

	Budget	Encumbered	Expended	Available
Facilities	\$852,726,335	\$68,964,224	\$569,480,138	\$214,281,973
Fine Arts	\$6,955,752	\$55,572	\$5,318,734	\$1,581,446
Technology	\$90,829,000	\$2,569,410	\$78,739,676	\$9,519,914
Transportation	\$15,488,913	\$3,295,049	\$9,339,008	\$2,854,776
Totals	\$966,000,000	\$74,884,255	\$662,877,556	\$228,238,109
			Bond Issuance Costs	-\$5,242,704
			Projected Interest Arbitrage Liability	-\$20,977,755
			Interest and Additional Proceeds	\$60,805,535
			Total Available Funds	\$262,823,185

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding. Information as of October 1, 2025.



2019 Bond Program Finances

- **What are Excess Bond Funds?**
 - These are unspent funds remaining from individual project savings, program contingency, land acquisition, and furniture, fixtures & equipment (FF&E) control accounts
- **What are Interest Earnings?**
 - Investment income earned on bond proceeds between the time the funds were issued and expended
- **What are Excess Interest Earnings?**
 - Investment income earned on bond proceeds that exceeds the amount allowed under federal tax laws, particularly IRS arbitrage rules



Allowable Use of Excess Bond Funds / Interest Earnings

- **What is a General Bond Proposition?**
 - This is a single, comprehensive bond proposal which combines funding for a variety of general-purpose capital projects
 - The Arlington ISD 2019 Bond Program was approved under this governance in November of 2019
 - The Texas Legislature passed House Bill 3 in 2019 which fundamentally changed the bond election process for all bond propositions beginning in 2020
 - This new legislation requires certain “special purpose” projects to be set apart as individual ballot propositions



Allowable Use of Excess Bond Funds / Interest Earnings – cont'd

- **What is a “Special Purpose” Bond Proposition?**
 - **Examples of “Special Purpose” projects are stadiums, performing arts centers, and natatoriums, etc.**
 - **These have projects can no longer be bundled together with the likes of new school construction, renovations, and bus purchases, etc.**
 - **This type of proposition increases transparency and allows voters to pick and choose which capital projects they wish to support**



CBOC WORKSHOP

What is Your Task?

- 1. Identify Potential Projects for Possible Funding with Excess 2019 Bond Funds / Interest Earnings**
- 2. Categorize and Group the Identified Projects, i.e., Facilities, Transportation, Fine Arts, and Security and Technology**
- 3. Establish a Prioritized List of Projects from the Identified Projects**

DISCUSSION





Active Projects – by Phase

(Bond Phases I – V)

Phase	Number of Projects
Design	28
Bid	5
Construction	28
Closeout	7
Completed	35
Total Projects	103



Facilities

PHASE I PROJECTS

Bidding	Construction	Completed	
Bowie HS – Softball Field	Glaspie Field	Administration Building	Gunn JHS / FADL
Seguin HS – Softball Field	Martin HS	Ashworth ES – Courtyard Concrete	Johns ES – Courtyard Concrete
		Berry ES	Jones FADL Academy
		Crow Leadership Academy	Playgrounds – Phase I
		District-Wide Bottle Fillers	Shackelford JHS
		Ditto ES – Chiller Replacement	Thornton ES
		Food and Nutrition Service Ctr.	Webb ES



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PHASE II PROJECTS

Bidding	Construction	Closeout	Completed
Wilemon Field	Atherton ES Foster ES Johns ES	Arlington HS Arlington HS FADL Duff ES Sam Houston HS	Playground Sitework – Phase II Playground Equipment – Phase II Bailey JHS Adams ES Hale ES So. Davis ES Bowie HS – Football Field and Track Resurfacing Seguin HS – Football Field and Track Resurfacing



Facilities

PHASE III PROJECTS

Bidding	Construction	Closeout	Completed
Cravens Field	Lamar HS Little ES Miller ES Key ES Pope ES Speer ES	Rodriguez JHS Amos ES Goodman ES	Playground Sitework – Phase III Playground Equipment – Phase III Anderson ES – HVAC Short ES



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PHASE IV PROJECTS

Design		Bidding	Construction
Bowie HS	Farrell ES	Swift ES – Gym Addition	Fitzgerald ES – HVAC
Burgin ES	Blanton ES		Rankin ES – Landscaping
Morton ES	Butler ES		Swift ES – Renovations
Wimbish WLA	Sherrod ES		Dipert CTC
Rankin ES – Renovations	Hill ES		Service Ctr. – Security, Transportation & Health
Ditto ES	Young JHS		Turning Point Secondary School
Dunn ES			
Kookan EC			
Workman JHS			



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PHASE V PROJECTS

Design		Construction	Completed
Ag Science Center	Nichols JHS – Concession	Annex V – Renovations	Ashworth ES
Barnett JHS – Concession	Remyanse ES	Hilldale Annex	Pearcy STEM Academy
Boles JHS	Seguin HS	Nichols JHS – Paint	Ousley JHS – HVAC
Bryant ES		Barnett JHS – Paint	West ES – HVAC
Corey FADL Academy		Anderson ES	Ferguson EC – HVAC
Crouch ES		Bebensee ES	PDC
Ellis ES		Patrick ES	600 New York – Roofing
Food Service Warehouse		Peach ES	North Distribution Center
Larson ES		Starrett ES	Service Center Renovations
Moore ES		Williams ES	
		Wood ES	