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**First Meeting of GGUSD Measure A
Bond Oversight Committee (BOC)**

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The inaugural meeting of the Garden Grove Unified School District Measure A Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) took place Tuesday, May 10, at the Boardroom of the district Education Center, 10331 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

For this initial meeting, BOC members received an update of Measure A projects and the related planning process from Stuart Moe, director of facilities. Bill Kadi, bond counsel for the GGUSD, reviewed the contents of the BOC bylaws – as governed by state law.

The committee is an all-volunteer body charged with verifying the lawful expenditure of bond funds authorized by voter approval of Measure A in June of last year. The law requires that bond proceeds be only spent for the projects described in the ballot measure, and the use of bond funds for teacher and administrative salaries or other operating expenses is prohibited.

State law, as well, requires diversity on bond oversight committees, with members representing business, parents, senior citizens, taxpayers, school-parent organizations, and at-large.

Following a review of applications, 13 district residents were named to the BOC. They are: (at-large representatives) John Bankson, Nicolas Constantino, Larry Dabalack, Ferdinand Faustino, Kent Freeman, Lac T. Nguyen, Earl Smith, and Jeffery Trader; (senior citizen group representatives) Barbara Barker and Lila Held; (PTA parent representatives) Keith Drohan and Ted Stevens Jr.; and (business representative) Daniel McLeith.

The BOC is considered a public body and, following state law, conducts all business in conformance with the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act, the state's open meeting law.

Measure A authorized \$250 million in bonds and enables the GGUSD to qualify

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for more than \$200 million in matching state school bond funds for large-scale infrastructure repair and modernization projects throughout the district. The first issuance, \$130 million in general obligation bonds, was sold to investors last September.

Bond proceeds, coupled with state matching funds, will help finance such major improvements as renovating electrical circuitry, plumbing, lighting, roofing, intercom, and fire safety systems; improving energy efficiency; replacing doors, windows, and outdated heating and ventilation systems; updating playground safety matting; upgrading telecommunications systems to accommodate current technology; replacing restroom and drinking fountain fixtures; and retrofitting schools for better accessibility for the disabled.

Construction plans for Measure A modernization projects are being filed with the state Office of Public School Construction and the Division of the State Architect. Pending state approvals and funding, the bond projects are expected to begin next year.

BOC meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the BOC website at www.ggusd.us/cboc.html. For additional information, call the district's Public Information Office at (714) 663-6503.

The Garden Grove Unified School District serves most of Garden Grove and portions of Fountain Valley, Santa Ana, Westminster, Cypress, Stanton, and Anaheim.