



# Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee

## MEETING NOTES

October 19, 2021      6:00-7:30 p.m.      @ WebEx & S. Admin Building (Hybrid)

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- (9) Members present:** Dierdre Aden-Smith, Kenneth Davis, Jacqueline Dowds-Bennett, Jerry Carney (V), Lyman Kaiser, AJ Mangum (V), Jan Rennie, Jay Smith (V) and Daniel Yaciuk
- (9) Members absent:** Cynthia Bernard, Ayla Bertetto, Stacy Fisher, Erin Hobson, Chip MacEnulty, Karen Petersilie, Elaina Richardson, Joseph Shelton and Vickie Tonkins
- (3) Guests attending:** Dr. David Khaliqi – Executive Director of Education Insights  
Dr. Eric Mason (V) – Director of Assessment  
Parth Melpakam – BOE and MLOOC Treasurer

**Ex-Officio members present:** Brian Cortez and Kim Gilstrap

\*Note: (V) = Virtual Attendee

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### Preliminary Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions:  
Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. Approval of the Agenda:  
The committee unanimously approved tonight's agenda, with no voiced changes or exceptions.
3. Approval of the Meeting Notes:  
Chairman Davis called for a motion to approve the meeting notes from September 21, 2021. Those notes were approved, also with no voiced changes or exceptions.

### Action Items:

The Action item on tonight's agenda was for the Committee members to verbally provide suggestions for the discussion of PIPs, with each respective PIP owner, as a guest at future meetings. Subsequently, it was determined that there should be a somewhat routine set of questions, targeting the Committee's primary questions and concerns, which would be provided to the PIP owner, prior to their appearance. It was agreed that Mr. John McCarron would be invited to attend the November meeting, to address outstanding questions, in regards to budgeting and funding resources, as it relates to technologies utilized by the District.

### Non-Action Items:

4. Monthly Financial Statement Update – August 2021:  
Mr. Cortez provided a brief synopsis of a typical August, financially, in the District. He reassured the Committee that budgeting and spending trends are in line for this period, when compared, historically.
5. Review of the MLO Allocation Phase-in Plan:  
Mr. Cortez quickly reviewed the Phase-In Plan (due to timing constraints), with no overall changes in the plan. He ended that topic, stating that he would provide more detail in his upcoming amendment proposal, following tonight's guest, Dr. Khaliqi.

6. PIP Inventory Review:

As discussed in the September meeting, Chairman Davis created a more informative spreadsheet-style reference, to show every PIP, under the 2000 and 2017 MLOs. This reference reflects the FY (Fiscal Year) of any Plan amendments, if applicable, along with a brief explanation of the outcome, as provided by Ms. Gilstrap.

Chairman Davis expressed his wishes to retain this document, continue to maintain with regular updates and possibly expand on its provisions, as it captures the history of each PIP. The Committee agreed that this reference could be a useful tool, for them, as well as future/new Committee members.

7. Public Feedback Form Submissions:

Ms. Gilstrap reported that there have been no communications, through the Public Feedback Form.

8. Guests, Dr. David Khaliqi and Dr. Eric Mason -Review PIP 20: ALIGN Testing and Assessments

Dr. Khaliqi began with a statement of gratitude toward the MLOOC, for their continued dedication to the oversight and regulation of the Mill Levy funds distributions. He then introduced Dr. Eric Mason, who was in attendance via Webex, and moved on to explain how MLO funds have been a great contributor to the success of D11 students, with the supported purchase of the formative assessment programs and teacher-utilized tools. The assessment system has evolved and changed, since this PIP originated in 2000, from assessment programs such as DALT, Terra Nova and MAP. The most recent replacement is called Galileo K-12. Together, Dr. Khaliqi and Dr. Mason explained the transition, in spite of challenges brought on by the pandemic, and measured success with Universal Screening results. Those results are derived from Performance Matters, through each schools' One Plan, which is maintained by dedicated personnel, easily accessible and more transparent.

9. Proposed Plan Amendment to MLO Charter PIPs 21A & 21B:

Mr. Cortez summarized the upcoming challenges, surrounding Charter Schools' funding, as they continue to increase in numbers, not only with an incline in enrollment, but with prospective new facilities, as well. He is proposing a plan amendment, which would bring PIPs 2000-21A & 2000-21B back together, into one PIP 2000-21. The rationale behind this Board-approved amendment is that it meets requirements, as stated under HB 17-1375.

10. PIP Amendments Tracking:

This topic was included in the discussion, under PIP Inventory Review (Agenda item #6).

11. Specific Revenue Funds:

Chairman Davis provided narrative, for his presentation, on Designated Purpose Grants. He acknowledged that the District had previously applied for CARES grants and the MLOOC had been made aware of the available CARES-I grants. In fact, when the pandemic forced remote learning during FY19-20, the grants funds afforded the purchase and disbursement of electronic devices, to students and staff. Subsequently, the Committee approved plan amendments to PIPs 2000-5C and 2017-6.

Chairman Davis then informed the committee that CARES-II for \$26.2M and CARES-III for \$59.8M totaling \$86.4M, over the next three fiscal years, had been awarded to the District. This information re-kindled the discussion of how, for the last two years, the Committee had sought to develop a method or metric measure, which would more accurately determine the portion of MLO funds utilized for each PIP.

To clarify, Chairman Davis used this example: If the District had \$100 and, for a specific budgetary task, funded \$95 and the MLO funded the other \$5; then the MLO portion could be measured as 5%. However, if the District obtained an additional \$50, that the MLO was not aware of, then the MLO \$5/5% impact would be incorrectly measured.

MLO revenues, last FY20-21, were >\$70M. Therefore, the impact of the CARES funds, budgeted over the next three years, requires the MLOOC be made aware of what PIP accounts and to what monetary extent each of the PIPs are impacted, to ensure proper oversight.

As that discussion ended, it was agreed that at a future meeting, with the District/BOE, would provide the MLOOC with the required information, relative to this matter.

12. Future Agenda Items:

It was determined that Ms. Gilstrap will invite Mr. McCarron to join us in November, with additional and outstanding questions, from the Committee members;

Going forward, there will not be a December meeting, due to the holidays;

The Assessment vendor is likely to make a guest appearance at the January or February meeting; and

We will look at having the Directors of Grants and Facilities as visitors, during the first quarter of 2022, as well.

Adjournment:

Chairman Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:32pm.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

6:00pm

D11 Admin. Building Boardroom