

## **Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Status Report – October 2016**

HISD's Bond Oversight Committee met on October 25, 2016, to review third quarter progress of the district's bond program. The meeting was held at Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center.

The Houston Independent School District expects to have almost three dozen schools under active construction by the end of 2016, HISD Construction Officer Derrick Sanders told the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) during their quarterly meeting.

Pending board approval of additional contracts, the district will have 35 projects actively underway, leaving just two — Austin and Bellaire high schools — to begin construction in 2017. The increase is up from about two dozen projects in the last quarter, which is more active construction than at any time in HISD's history, and also believed to be record-setting in Texas and the U.S.

The BOC, an independent group of citizens tasked with monitoring implementation of the district's \$1.89 billion bond program, received an update on the status of the bond program, including financial and budget reports, M/WBE (minority and women-owned business enterprises) participation rates, program highlights, and the status of some individual projects.

The group also got to view a video showcasing the 21st century learning environments now in use at the new schools opened this fall: Condit and Mark White elementary schools, North Houston Early College High School, South Early College High School, Mandarin Immersion Magnet School, and the Worthing High School (Phase 1) classroom addition. The district also opened Fonwood Early Childhood Center, which was not featured in the video because it is not funded by bond proceeds.

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Sterling Aviation High School and DeBakey High School for Health Professions are set for completion by winter break. Four additional schools — Mickey Leland College Preparatory Academy for Young Men and Furr, Wisdom and Milby high schools — are on track to be completed by the second quarter of 2017.

During the meeting, committee members asked questions about price per-square-foot trends, M/WBE calculation methods, and the traffic light report, which identifies projects that have had schedule delays.

The group also had the opportunity to meet new HISD Superintendent Richard Carranza, who stopped by the meeting to introduce himself and thank the members for their participation.

Approved by Houston voters in 2012, the HISD bond program is renovating or rebuilding 40 schools, including 29 high schools across the district. Once complete, HISD will have one of the most modern portfolios of urban high schools in the country.

The bond program also includes work that will benefit students across the district, including \$100 million in technology upgrades, \$44.7 million to replace regional fieldhouses and improve athletics facilities, \$35 million to renovate middle school restrooms, and \$17.3 million for safety and security improvements.