

Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Status Report

HISD's [Bond Oversight Committee](#) (BOC) met April 26, 2016 to review first quarter progress of the bond program. The meeting was held at [Sterling High School](#), where committee members had the opportunity to tour the school's new construction.

The tour began with a walk through the school's airplane hangar, which serves as the centerpiece of the new building. Large viewing windows will enable the unique feature to be seen from many points throughout the facility.

Principal Justin Fuentes explained that Sterling's aviation program trains students to become airplane mechanics and pilots. The school's close proximity to Hobby Airport provides many opportunities for collaboration.

The committee toured the administrative area and learning stairs, an innovative feature that also serves as a flexible sitting area for small groups or impromptu lectures.

The tour included stops at the auditorium, the main gymnasium, and the dining commons area, which will be open to a main hallway and feature flexible seating to support small group meetings and project-based learning throughout the school day.

Following the tour, the committee moved to the Sterling High School library for an update on the bond program's first quarter progress. Bond team officials noted that the district had 22 active construction sites by the end of the first quarter, seven more than at the start of the first quarter. Additionally, seven construction contracts were executed, including two for districtwide projects.

The first quarter also saw the first completed bond project. The addition at [Tanglewood Middle School](#), formerly Grady Middle School, welcomed students in February.

In addition to several project-specific questions, BOC members inquired about the timing of bond sales, the budget for maintenance of new facilities, and user training on new technology and equipment.

Finance reports and supplemental funding were also discussed. [View complete quarterly bond workbook here.](#)

Looking ahead to the next quarter, bond team officials also briefed the committee on several projects nearing completion: [North Houston Early College](#), [South Early College](#), and [Worthing](#) (Phase 1) high schools, [Mark White](#) and [Condit](#) elementary schools, [Mandarin Immersion Magnet School](#) and [Delmar Fieldhouse](#).

The next quarterly meeting of the Bond Oversight Committee is scheduled for July 26, 2016.