



## Minutes 2012 Bond Project Advisory Team (PAT) Meeting Austin High School

**MEETING #:** 5

**LOCATION:** Austin High School

**DATE / TIME:** January 08, 2015, 4:00 pm

**ATTENDEES:** (those marked with a check were present)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Jorge Arredondo	Principal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lydia Zamora	Teacher
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yadira Banuelos	Class President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ralph Hennie	Teacher, CTE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Covey Nash	Alumni	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Octavio Cantu	ERO Architects
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Casiano Cruz	Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tim Johnson	Teacher, Science
<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Degollado	Student	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joe Nelson	Alumni
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marsha Eckerman	Alumni	<input type="checkbox"/>	Christina Trejo	Magnet Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tierra Harris		<input type="checkbox"/>	Dan Bankhead	HISD – Facilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Noelia Longoria	School Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clay Clayton	HISD – Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vianey Nino	Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Princess Jenkins	HISD – Facilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tania Roman	Student	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nestor Martinez	Project Manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacque Royce		<input type="checkbox"/>	Sue Robertson	HISD – Facilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Catherine Smith	Teacher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jorge Medina	Assistant Principal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eli Ochoa	ERO Architects	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Guerrero	Principal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Georgianne Sigler	Alumni	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the meeting was to introduce ERO Architects to the PAT.

**AGENDA:**

- Introduce Attendees
- Action Item Follow Up
- What to expect at the next PAT meeting

**DISCUSSION:**

1. Eli Ochoa, ERO Architects, gave their introductory presentation initially shown at HISD Architectural selection interviews.
  - a. Presentation highlighted Furr HS (HISD) & Cano Academy as case studies.
    - i. Mr. Ochoa introduced a design metaphor used at each campus based on the Guiding Principles and explained how they were used to begin the overall design for this project.
    - ii. Princess Jenkins, HISD Facilities Planner added that Guiding Principles have been developed for Stephen F. Austin HS (SFA) and will be ready for distribution once they have been edited and reviewed.
2. Nestor Martinez, HISD Project Manager stressed importance of the budget to the PAT. He asked what strategies ERO has used in the past to help meet established budgets.



- a. Mr. Ochoa stated cost estimates provided during the design process will assist with design decisions; adding the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) plays a crucial role in helping to determine what can be built with the available budget.
- b. Mr. Martinez added that the Houston Construction market is overheated. Recent drops in oil prices may be helpful in maintaining project parameters.
3. Marsha Eckermann, PAT member stated that the consensus of the alumni, teachers and students is to keep a part of the old design; merging the old and new building.
  - a. Noelia Longoria, HISD School Support Officer commented that Milby was an existing school where the old was merged with the new. The entrance facade was kept to preserve the look of the existing school and the rest of the school was modern.
  - b. Joe Nelson, PAT member commented that the existing building additions at SFA do not necessarily compliment the 1936 main building.
  - c. Mr. Martinez discussed another project where student body and staff were moved to another location. He explained it reduced overall security and safety issues. He also noted that the costs of moving students will impact the overall project cost. Therefore as the design develops, options will be considered to maintain a safe school within the overall project budget.
  - d. Mr. Ochoa commented that contractor's general conditions are affected based on whether the school is active during construction or vacant.
4. Joe Nelson asked "what property would be available for Construction?"
  - a. Mr. Martinez stated that HSID is in the process of hiring a surveyor, roofing consultant, geotechnical consultant, and other consultants to gather and provide information for the design process.
5. Ms. Eckermann serves on the Alumni and PAT. She discussed a group field trip to Reagan High School. She noted what had been done to preserve the old Reagan High School and how it blended with the new construction.
6. Ms. Jenkins attested to ERO's process and timeliness of information based on her experience with the Furr High School project.
7. Ms. Jenkins stated she will provide an update on progress to date to the new SFA Principal.
8. Ms. Jenkins gave an update on comments received from SFA Departments. Their comments will be useful when updating the Educational Specifications. Education Specifications are due at the end of January.
9. Ms. Jenkins mentioned that at the PAT meeting in February revised Educational Specifications will be distributed for everyone to review and sign.
  - a. Ms. Jenkins explained once everyone signs the Educational Specifications, ERO will begin design. A Design Charrette will be held in February or March.
  - b. Ms. Jenkins commented that program input from JROTC, Band, FFA, Agriculture, and Maritime was still pending.
  - c. Ms. Jenkins stated the Educational Specifications will need to be vetted by SFA's new principal, Mr. Guerrero.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- 05-01 Meet with Principal Guerrero (Jenkins)
- 05-02 Ms. Jenkins requested assistance in getting the guidelines from the following programs: FFA, Band, JROTC and Maritime. (SFA Staff)

#### **WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE NEXT PAT MEETING:**

1. Revised Educational Specifications will be distributed for signature.



**NEXT PAT MEETING:** Thursday, February 12, 2015, 4:00 pm, Austin High School Library

Please review the meeting minutes and submit any changes or corrections to the author.  
After five (5) days, the minutes will be assumed to be accurate.

Sincerely,

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