



**SANTA BARBARA  
CITY COLLEGE**

**Measure P - Citizens' Bond Oversight  
Committee Applications**

**Applications Open: 12/19/24 - 1/8/25**

**Application Review By SBCC Trustees: 1/9/25 - 1/16/25**

**Committee Selection during  
SBCC Trustee Board Meeting: 1/16/25**



## SBCC Measure P - Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Measure P Bond Extension passed by the SBCC District (Carpinteria to Goleta) on November 5, 2024. As required by law, the SBCC Board of Trustees must appoint the members of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) within 60 days of affirming the November 5, 2024 election results. The SBCC Board of Trustees affirmed the November 5, 2024 election results on December 19, 2024, opened applications that same day and closed applications at 5 pm on January 8, 2025. Applications will be reviewed from January 9, 2025 until selected by the SBCC Board of Trustees in their public meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2025.

SBCC [Board Policy 6740](#) and [Administrative Procedure 6740](#) establish the development of a CBOC and stipulate the purpose, their activities and member make-up. They are also listed below:

The purpose of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is:

- To inform the public about the expenditure of Proposition 39 bond revenues;
- To review and report on the proper expenditure of Proposition 39 funds for facility construction; and
- To advise the public as to the District's compliance with the Proposition 39 requirements as contained in the California Constitution.

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee may engage in any of the following activities:

- Receive and review copies of the annual, independent performance audit;
- Receive and review copies of the annual, independent financial audit;
- Inspect facilities and grounds to ensure that bond revenues are expended properly;
- Receive and review copies of any deferred maintenance proposals or plans developed by the District; and
- Review efforts by the District to maximize bond revenues by implementing cost-saving measures.

The committee shall consist of at least seven members to serve for a term of two years and for no more than three consecutive terms. Members shall serve without compensation.

The committee shall be comprised of at least:

- One member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District;
- One member active in a senior citizen's organization;
- One member active in a bona fide taxpayer's organization;



- One member who is a student both currently enrolled in the District and appointed by the Associated Student Government. The student may serve up to six months after their graduation or certificate of completion;
- One member active in the support and organization of the District, such as a member of an advisory council or foundation; and
- Two members of the community at large.



**Applicant:** Abram, Bobbi

**Member Status:** SBCC Foundation (Active in Organization Supportive of the College, such as Advisory Council or Foundation)

**Question 1:** Do you have any special area of expertise or experience that you think would be helpful to the committee?

**Answer:** I was a major supporter of the Measure P Campaign.

**Question - 2:** If you have served on other school district, college, or city or community committees please list and briefly describe your role.

**Answer:** I also engaged in the Measure P campaign at Pasadena City College.

**Question - 3:** Please note any additional information you feel should be considered as part of your application.

**Answer:** I would serve to represent the board and donors of the SBCC Foundation.

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**Applicant:** Barber, Celeste

**Member Status:** At-Large Community Member – Resident of the Santa Barbara Community College District

**Question 1:** Do you have any special area of expertise or experience that you think would be helpful to the committee?

**Answer:** Yes! For 20 years I was an adjunct instructor in the English Department. During that time, I introduced and served as the Coordinator for the Great Books Curriculum (GBC), a Chicago program lauded nationally. The first years, I had no budget and yet, by being creative, we



offered programs for our students, as well as connected the college with the

Santa Barbara Library and worked as a team with the Luria Library. We continued to grow -- even with just the \$25.00 photocopying budget my dean gave me every semester.

Eventually the GBC was the recipient of a private grant from the Apgar Foundation. I wrote up the grant myself. With the donor's generous support, the GBC flourished! We offered a fall semester "Great Read" partnered with Santa Barbara High School and distributed 1,000 books to every participating class and student. We hired UCSB classicists to work with participating instructors (who were also paid), conducted an essay contest for students and provided them with tutorials to review their drafts, hosted guest lecturers, and honored the winning student essayists at a celebratory luncheon in the SBCC Gourmet Dining Room. And, every year, I was able to account for every penny of the Apgar grant that was spent.

I know that's a lot to write, but I hope that in describing my work on the GBC, trustees will have a sense of my ability to design a successful program and then manage it through the years. The program was designed to serve all City College students, especially those who may not have had previous introduction to the great works of Western and World cultures. My background makes me well-suited to oversee how the bond monies will be spent in the proposals that are drafted.

Throughout my twenty years, I was an integral part of my department's community. I contributed much in time, expertise, willingness to be flexible and always available to teach at a moment's notice. That, too, qualifies me to serve on the oversight committee-- a group of individuals who will represent diversity in background, culture, and talents.

**Question - 2:** If you have served on other school district, college, or city or community committees please list and briefly describe your role.

**Answer:** In 1992, I volunteered for a one-year's service to the Santa Barbara Civil Grand Jury. I was an active member: initiating investigations, writing reports, and meticulous in researching. Throughout the 1980's into



the 1990's I was active in my son's schools, including serving on the board of the Monte Vista PTA, charter member of the PTSA at Lompoc High School, Board member for the Santa Barbara PTA Council (Recording Secretary), and I served two years as the Council President for Lompoc Unified PTA. Also during that period, I was appointed to the City of Lompoc for the Mobile Home Rent Stabilization Board, representing tenants.

**Question - 3:** Please note any additional information you feel should be considered as part of your application.

**Answer:** Yes! While living in Lompoc, I was the person behind the establishment of "Holly House," a residential home for young mothers and their infants, women who were recovering from drug addiction. I reached out to county agencies, including the Board of Supervisors and private non-profits. Working together, we created one of the first such homes for young families who would otherwise have been on the streets, or infants separated from their mothers. For my initiative in establishing a program for vulnerable families, I received the Maxwell House Real Hero Award and was honored in Washington, DC.

In my final year of teaching at Santa Barbara City College (2014-15), the faculty honored me by placing my name in nomination for the California Hayward Award, for Excellence in Teaching. I was among the first adjunct instructors to be so honored at SBCC.

As the Board of Trustees is undoubtedly aware, I opposed the passage of Measure P. I was vocal and wrote letters to the press voicing my opposition. However, I would like you to reflect on how that stance enhances my application. I will bring an objective view to the committee. The bond passed and received an overwhelming "Yea" vote from the community. I will honor that election vote. I, too, want to see that our precious tax dollars will serve the students and build upon an already fine educational program. It's important to have a "devil's advocate" serving on any committee, to ask the hard questions.

Here's what I mean: I taught debate in English 110. Every semester I required students to tell me if they felt strongly one way or the other on the debate position they were assigned. If so, I would place them on the opposite side. In every instance that I recall, those students thanked me



afterwards. Their teams were stronger for having the one person who could speak to the strength of the opponents' argument and at the same time, point out her own team's weaknesses. (And also, the students would share that while the debate had not changed their initial position, they were glad for the opportunity to consider the other side through objective, fact-based reasoning.) That's a valuable part of any team working together. I guess that's my point. Throughout my life, I've always worked well as part of a team, aiding to get to that desired endpoint and to arrive at consensus.

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**Applicant:** Bonometti, Marco

**Member Status:** SBCC Associated Student Government (Student in District and Active in Student Government), or At-Large Community Member – Resident of the Santa Barbara Community College District

**Question 1:** Do you have any special area of expertise or experience that you think would be helpful to the committee?

**Answer:** I bring a combination of leadership experience and a deep understanding of student needs from my active role in student government at Santa Barbara City College (SBCC). My involvement in the hiring committee for the Director of Health and Student Wellness at SBCC allowed me to serve as the student voice, ensuring that the candidates were attuned to the health and wellness needs of the student body.

Additionally, I have experience serving as a student representative on the Fund Advisory Committee at the Marine Military Academy (a private institution), where I played a critical role in advising on financial planning and the allocation of resources to support student life, programs, and areas. These experiences have equipped me with strong skills in oversight, strategic planning, and effective communication, all of which make me well-suited to serve on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

**Question - 2:** If you have served on other school district, college, or city or community committees please list and briefly describe your role.



**Answer:** I served on the hiring committee at Santa Barbara City College for the Director of Health and Student Wellness, where I participated in the selection process by providing insights from the student perspective. My contributions were focused on ensuring that the chosen candidate would enhance student support services and address key health and wellness issues on campus. Though we did not move forward with our selected candidates, the experience was extremely valuable to me.

Additionally, as a student representative on the Fund Advisory Committee at the Marine Military Academy, I was involved in advising on the allocation of funds to improve student services and initiatives, which further developed my understanding of financial oversight and the importance of responsible resource management.

**Question - 3:** Please note any additional information you feel should be considered as part of your application.

**Answer:** My dedication to the success of SBCC is evident through my active participation in roles that support institutional growth and student welfare. I am passionate about ensuring that resources are used effectively to enhance educational opportunities for all students. My experiences, both at SBCC and the Marine Military Academy, have prepared me to contribute meaningfully to the goals of Measure P. Though we are not allowed to directly support measures on campus, I enjoyed canvassing and showing student support for Measure P at various rallies with Student Trustee Bruce Tan.

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**Applicant:** Boss, Lucille

**Member Status:** At-Large Community Member – Resident of the Santa Barbara Community College District

**Question 1:** Do you have any special area of expertise or experience that you think would be helpful to the committee?





**Answer:** I attended (and loved!) SBCC prior to transfer for undergraduate and graduate education. I was actively involved on campus as a student, and later returned to campus as Foundation staff, where I led the development and implementation of the SBCC Promise. I am familiar with campus needs, strengths, and challenges, and am well-suited to serve on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. I served on the Santa Barbara Unified School District (SBUSD) Measure R Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, and have 15+ years as a program manager in public service and non-profit sectors, with expertise in:

- Program development, implementation, and evaluation.
- Training development and implementation for staff, volunteers, and community members.
- Event coordination for community and fundraising events.
- Strategic advocacy for candidates for elected office as well as local and statewide ballot measures.
- Fund development practices, including grant writing and direct appeals.

**Question - 2:** If you have served on other school district, college, or city or community committees please list and briefly describe your role.

**Answer:** I served on SBUSD Measure R Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

**Question - 3:** Please note any additional information you feel should be considered as part of your application.

**Answer:** I currently oversee the County of Santa Barbara's affordable housing programs, where I facilitate capital and housing development, from site/project analysis and financing/capital loans, to Federal and State reporting, construction, and lease-up/opening.

My résumé and other details are available at:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/lucilleboss/>

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**Applicant:** Boteju, Aruni



**Member Status:** Bank of Montreal - BMO (Business Representative - Active in a business organization representing local business), or At-Large Community Member – Resident of the Santa Barbara Community College District. Ceylon International Film Festival Foundation was listed for Active in Organization Supportive of the College, such as Advisory Council or Foundation.

**Question 1:** Do you have any special area of expertise or experience that you think would be helpful to the committee?

**Answer:** I have worked in the Banking industry since 1999. I am the founder and President of Ceylon International Film Festival Foundation (CeyiFF) and serve as Treasurer for Sri Lankan American Association of SoCal. I also serve as Treasurer for Greater Santa Barbara Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and am a Board member for Rotary Club of Santa Barbara Charitable Foundation.

**Question - 2:** If you have served on other school district, college, or city or community committees please list and briefly describe your role.

**Answer:** N/A.

**Question - 3:** Please note any additional information you feel should be considered as part of your application.

**Answer:** I supported Measure P and was a candidate for Area 4 during the 2024 election.

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**Applicant:** Davidson, Katherine

**Member Status:** At-Large Community Member – Resident of the Santa Barbara Community College District

**Question 1:** Do you have any special area of expertise or experience that you think would be helpful to the committee?

**Answer:** I served on the Cold Spring School District Governing Board, from December 2016 to May 2019.



**Question - 2:** If you have served on other school district, college, or city or community committees please list and briefly describe your role.

**Answer:**

- Participant -- Cold Spring School District Technical Design Committee 1997-1998: Consulted with architects to design new classroom and administrative buildings on the campus.
- Member -- Cold Spring School Facilities Committee 1996-1997: Made recommendations to the Governing Board regarding facilities upgrades and financing.
- Member -- Cold Spring School Playground Renovation Committee Spring 1996: Planned and organized the renovation of the "Big Toy," including scheduling of volunteers, acquisition of necessary materials and equipment, etc.
- Member -- Oaks Parent Child Workshop Parent Board of Directors 1989-1991: Responsible for the budget and reserve; made financial and legal decisions pertaining to the non-profit corporation; made decisions regarding curriculum, facility maintenance, fund-raising, etc.

**Question - 3:** Please note any additional information you feel should be considered as part of your application.

**Answer:** I have been a teacher since 1996, working in rich and relatively poor public school districts throughout the South Coast, as well as private schools run on shoe-string budgets and in rented buildings. I've taught in run-down portable classrooms, brand-new stick buildings, and churches. I've taught without heat and without air-conditioning. I understand and appreciate the need for clean, safe, more-than-adequate and up-to-date facilities within which to educate our students. Our students, teachers, and staff deserve nothing less than the best facilities we can provide.

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**Applicant:** Francisco, Dale



**Member Status:** Santa Barbara County Taxpayer Advocacy Center (Taxpayer Organization Member – Active in a bona fide taxpayers’ association) or At-Large Community Member – Resident of the Santa Barbara Community College District

**Question 1:** Do you have any special area of expertise or experience that you think would be helpful to the committee?

**Answer:** I have extensive experience evaluating large-scale capital improvement projects for the City of Santa Barbara.

**Question - 2:** If you have served on other school district, college, or city or community committees please list and briefly describe your role.

**Answer:** I served on Santa Barbara City Council (eight years). I served six years as chairman of the City Council's Finance Committee; six years as the city's representative on the Central Coast Water Authority (State Water Project) and the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board. In each of these positions I was responsible for evaluating and monitoring the progress of capital improvement projects valued in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

**Question - 3:** Please note any additional information you feel should be considered as part of your application.

**Answer:** As a proud SBCC graduate I feel a profound interest in seeing the college succeed in its mission of providing the highest quality education environment to its students.

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**Applicant:** Fellows, Steven

**Member Status:** At-Large Community Member – Resident of the Santa Barbara Community College District

**Question 1:** Do you have any special area of expertise or experience that you think would be helpful to the committee?



**Answer:** I served as the EVP/COO for Cottage Health for 16+ years, replacing two hospitals at a cost of \$1.1 billion, including design, operations, legal, financial, and payment authorization.

I have extensive experience with:

- developing, issuing, and reviewing Request For Proposals (RFPs);
- working with legal counsel on construction contracts;
- working with contractors and subcontractors;
- validating extent of work that's been done for payment authorization;
- addressing legal, regulatory, operational, financial, governance, etc., issues during and after construction;
- managing communications with 4,000+ employees, 700+ physicians, 1,100 volunteers, etc., regarding the status of construction; performance to key indicators, etc., all the while assuring patient care is not disrupted throughout a multi-year and multi-phased projects.

I believe I bring a depth and breadth of understanding to major construction projects and believe I have something to offer. I would be more than happy to submit my resume if that would be helpful. Please note I am now retired and have the time to serve on the Oversight Committee.

**Question - 2:** If you have served on other school district, college, or city or community committees please list and briefly describe your role.

**Answer:** None.

**Question - 3:** Please note any additional information you feel should be considered as part of your application.

**Answer:** Nothing more than I already stated above.

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**Applicant:** Hickman, Karen



**Member Status:** Meals on Wheels, (Senior Citizen Group Representative - Active member in a senior citizens' organization) or At-Large Community Member – Resident of the Santa Barbara Community College District

**Question 1:** Do you have any special area of expertise or experience that you think would be helpful to the committee?

**Answer:** I am a CFP and EA retired. I am familiar with all types of financial statements and know how to count the "beans."

**Question - 2:** If you have served on other school district, college, or city or community committees please list and briefly describe your role.

**Answer:** No, though I have been active and served as treasurer for several local non-profits like Planned Parenthood, Cottage Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation, and Future Leaders of America.

**Question - 3:** Please note any additional information you feel should be considered as part of your application.

**Answer:** I have the time and the expertise to perform the duties mentioned. I have been a lifelong educator and learner and believe in the importance of education. I am committed to giving the taxpayer what Measure P calls for and build the trust that the public has in following the impact of their tax dollars.

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