

**SALES SURTAX CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 25, 2023**

The Sales Tax Surtax Citizens' Oversight Committee met on July 25, 2023, in the Training Room at the School District Central Administration Complex, located at 202 Highway 85 North, Niceville, Florida.

Committee members Present

Jason Belcher, Chairman; Mike Carroll; Bernard Johnson (via phone); Vince Mayfield; Leslie Sheekley; Monica Wallis; and Marcus Wilson (arrived 4:15 p.m.). Absent: Jacob Foreman, Susan Holley.

Others Present

C. Jeffrey McInnis, Esq., Attorney to the Board; Julie Perry, Chief Financial Officer; Bill Smith, Program Director, Facilities Planning; Grant Meyer, Director I, Operational Services; and Joel Lindner, Program Director, Jacobs/Titan Technologies.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m., for the purpose of receiving reports related to the School District's Half-Cent Capital Outlay Sales Surtax Program.

A motion was made by Vince Mayfield to allow Bernard Johnson to participate via telephone. The motion was seconded by Monica Wallis and carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Leslie Sheekley to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2023. The motion was seconded by Vince Mayfield and carried 6-0.

A financial update was provided by Julie Perry, Chief Financial Officer, on the sales tax revenue, projections, and the budget to date. Discussion followed with Ms. Perry addressing questions and comments from committee members regarding sales tax revenue projections and expenditures.

Joel Lindner, Program Director, Jacobs/Titan Technologies, provided a comprehensive update on the projects currently funded by the sales surtax. Mr. Lindner detailed the progress being made on the multi-purpose buildings, classroom additions, and cafeteriums. Mr. Lindner and staff members commented on the impressive work done at Longwood Elementary School over the summer months. He noted that school security upgrades continue into the next phase, with work beginning on the installation of access control locks on interior classroom doors. Discussion followed with Mr. Lindner addressing questions and comments.

Mr. Belcher requested that an item be placed on the next meeting agenda for discussion regarding the terms for committee members.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2023, beginning at 4:00 p.m., in the Training Room, at the Central Administrative Complex in Niceville.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Mari McGowan, Recorder



Jason Belcher, Committee Chairman