



Citizens' Advisory Committee  
Minutes:

Committee Chairs:  
Megan Reed  
Megan Pirie

Date: October 13, 2025 - 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Welcome by Megan Pieri

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**Board update:** Director Kozel

Director Hilary Kozel shared updates on board objectives, including strengthening community connection and advocating for full funding in the upcoming legislative session.

**SPS Update:** Dr. Adam Swinyard

School Year Calendar:

- Adam reported on the positive start to the school year and new calendar structure with week-long breaks in October and February to support student and staff wellness.
- Some concerns were raised about timing and communication of the new schedule; SPS will collect ongoing feedback to inform next year's adjustments.

Collective Bargaining Agreement: Successfully completed, contributing to a strong school-year start.

**Presentation:** Adam Swinyard

**Overview of Together Spokane Initiative:**

- Adam provided a comprehensive overview of the Together Spokane Initiative, emphasizing:
- Transparency around bond and levy funding
- Addressing community concerns related to public safety, stadium costs, and affordability
- Ongoing efforts to strengthen storytelling and factual communication campaigns

☐ Members were encouraged to share positive stories and accurate information within their communities to build understanding and support.

☐ Adam also clarified details about the public education tax bill, explaining the differences between local levies, school bonds, and state taxes.

☐ Noted that the existing bond will remain in effect through 2043 unless new bonds are approved..

**Spokane Public School Bond and Levy information**

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