

**First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission
Commission Meeting**

April 20, 2022, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
3375 Sonoma Blvd, Suite 30, Vallejo, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present via Zoom videoconferencing: Chair Erin Hannigan, Vice Chair Tyffany Wanberg, Jennifer Barton, Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Amy Fabi, Jerry Huber (joined at 3:50 PM), Tiffanee Jones (exited at 4:17 PM), Nimat Shakoor-Grantham (joined at 3:44 PM)

Chair Hannigan called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

I. Public Comment

No public comment

II. Consent Calendar

Motion:

A. Approve the April 20, 2022 Commission Meeting Agenda.

B. Approve the March 16, 2022 Commission Meeting Minutes.

C. Adopt Resolution 2022-05 authorizing remote teleconference meetings under the State of California Proclaimed State of Emergency issued March 4, 2020 and pursuant to AB361 requirements, for a term of April 20, 2022 to May 20, 2022.

Consent Calendar moved by Commissioner Barton; Seconded by Commissioner Jones

Approved 5-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Fabi, Hannigan, Jones

Nay: None

Abstain: None

III. April Children's Month Resolutions

Motion:

Adopt resolutions recognizing April 2022 as Children's Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month

April Children's Month Resolutions moved by Commissioner Barton; Seconded by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson

Approved 5-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Fabi, Hannigan, Jones

Nay: None
Abstain: None

IV. Child Care Provider Appreciation Day Resolution

Motion:

Adopt a resolution recognizing May 6, 2022 as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day

**Child Care Provider Appreciation Day Resolution moved by Commissioner Jones;
Seconded by Commissioner Fabi**

Approved 5-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Fabi, Hannigan, Jones

Nay: None

Abstain: None

V. Fairfield First 5 Center Allocation of Funding

Motion:

Consider an allocation of \$2 million to City of Fairfield toward construction of the North Texas Street Recreational Facility, future home to the Fairfield First 5 Center (source of funding: CA State Budget/First 5 California)

Executive Director Michele Harris reminded the Commission that First 5 Solano was awarded \$2 Million from the State of California toward tenant improvements for a First 5 Center in Fairfield. In discussions with the City of Fairfield, a mutually beneficial opportunity is available for the Commission, in that the City of Fairfield is willing to modify its newly-planned North Texas Recreation Facility Community Center Design to make it appropriate for a First 5 Center. The Commission will contribute its \$2 Million State of CA award toward the total project, and receive a lease at no cost for at least 10 years to operate a First 5 Center, at First 5 Solano's cost. The Commission eagerly provided comments of support for this very exciting project.

**Fairfield First 5 Center Allocation of Funding moved by Commissioner Barton;
Seconded by Commissioner Jones**

Approved 5-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Fabi, Hannigan, Jones

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Commissioner Jones recused herself

VI. Policy and Oversight Committee

Motion:

Consider approving a recommendation from the Policy and Oversight Committee of the following actions to provide funding for renovations to implement an Early Learning Center (ELC) in Vallejo:

- a. Increase the First 5 Solano FY2022/23 Approved Budget by \$2,130,000 to incorporate funding for the ELC renovations
- b. Allocate up to \$2,130,000 to Vallejo City Unified School District to execute the renovations (*Sources of \$4,000,000 total project funding: \$1,870,000 ARPA [held in separate budget unit]; \$1,885,000 from First 5 Solano, \$230,000 from Child Start, Inc., \$30,000 from the Solano County Office of Education*)
- c. Obligate up to \$1,870,000 from reserve to guarantee necessary funds pending outstanding funding requests (*Source of funding: First 5 Solano Reserve*)

Policy and Oversight Committee moved by Commissioner Barton; Seconded by Commissioner Jones

Approved 6-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Fabi, Hannigan, Huber, Shakoor-Grantham

Nay: None

Abstain: None

VII. Community Indicators of Child Well-Being and Dimensions of Equity

Kim Gillette, of Applied Survey Research (ASR), presented on Community Indicators for Young Children. Community Indicators include Demographics, Health and Well-being (Priority Area 1), Early Childhood Learning and Development (Priority Area 2), and Family Support and Parent Education (Priority Area 3). Data presented compares Solano County with neighboring counties and the state overall. Commissioners asked for more information re: poverty rate by race, and "why" racial inequities exist in school performance and prenatal outcomes.

Ms. Gillette also presented on Achieving Equity in Solano County, which discusses the efforts First 5 Solano has made to center its work in equity. To achieve equity, First 5 Solano follows a systematic method adapted from the Government Alliance on Race Equity's Racial Equity Tool. In relation to Community Indicators, disparities across dimensions of diversity that are important to First 5 Solano include child health insurance, timely prenatal care, child poverty, food insecurity, unemployment. Disparities based on geography, socioeconomic status, and race/ethnicity have the greatest effect on children and families in the community and should be focused on. This can be achieved by partnering with the impacted communities and strategizing new ways in which to achieve equity.

VIII. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Michele Harris provided updates on Pre-K Academies; Ms. Harris explained that although Vallejo City Unified School District was offered additional funding to provide more pre-k academies, they declined. Pre-k academies will be offered in June and July and Commissioners interested in visiting one should reach out to First 5 Solano Program Manager, Juanita Morales. Ms. Harris also noted that two legislative asks for earmarks were made, through Commissioner Hannigan to Senator Dodd and Congressman Thompson, for HVAC and roof updates to the Vallejo Early Learning Center.

IX. Commissioner Remarks

Commissioner Estrella-Henderson thanked fellow Commissioners and First 5 Solano staff for their hard work and dedication.

X. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location

The next Commission meeting will be held on May 18, 2022 at 3:00 PM at 3375 Sonoma Boulevard, Suite 30, Vallejo. Future agenda items include: Long-Term Financial Plan, First 5 CA Annual Report.

Adjourn

Chair Hannigan adjourned the meeting at 4:48 PM.

Caitlin Brakefield, Office Assistant III

Approved:

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