

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

August 17, 2022, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
3375 Sonoma Blvd, Suite 30, Vallejo, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present via Zoom videoconferencing: Chair Erin Hannigan (joined at 3:05), Vice Chair Tyffany Wanberg (exited at 5:07), Jennifer Barton, Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Amy Fabi, Tiffanee Jones (exited at 4:19), Neely McElroy, Nimat Shakoor-Grantham

Vice Chair Wanberg called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM

I. Public Comment

No public comment

II. Consent Calendar

Motion:

A. Approve the August 17, 2022 Commission Meeting Agenda

B. Approve the June 15, 2022 Commission Meeting Minutes

C. Adopt Resolution 2022-12 authorizing remote teleconference meetings under the State of California Proclaimed State of Emergency issued March 4, 2020, and pursuant to AB 361 requirements, for a term of August 17, 2022 to September 16, 2022.

Consent Calendar moved by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson; Seconded by Commissioner Tiffanee Jones

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Fabi, Jones, McElroy, Shakoor-Grantham, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

III. Vacaville Play 4 All Park

Motion:

Consider a recommendation from the Policy and Oversight Committee to allocate up to \$400,000 to Play 4 All Park to complete Phase I of the Vacaville Play 4 All Park, supporting play for families of all abilities

Tom Phillippi, of Phillippi Engineering, spoke on Vacaville's Play 4 All Park. This park is all-inclusive and designed for children of all abilities and disabilities, featuring fenced in

play areas, picnic areas, people-friendly surfaces, and swings able to accommodate for children with or without disabilities.

Chairperson Hannigan joined the meeting.

Approved 8-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Fabi, Jones, McElroy, Shakoor-Grantham, Wanberg, Hannigan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

IV. Annual Grants Review

Kim Gillette, of Applied Survey Research (ASR), presented a review of First 5 Solano's Annual grants from FY2018/19 through FY2020/21. ASR provided both process considerations as well as dollar considerations. First 5 Solano Executive Director Michele Harris discussed the recommendations from the Policy and Oversight Committee, which included allowing up to 20% of grants to be a repeat project to continue success as well as the recommendation that the next funding cycle be limited to \$160,000 per year. The Commission discussed further clarifying what the Commission is looking for when we say "innovative proposals" and directed staff to revise the language to provide more clarity for applicants.

V. Universal Transitional Kindergarten Presentation

Megan Richards, Deputy Director for First 5 Solano, introduced Lisa Eckhoff from Solano County of Education who presented on the roll out of universal pre-kindergarten (UPK) in California. UPK will align standards for the State Preschool Program (CSPP) and Transitional Kindergarten (TK) programs and expand inclusive opportunities for children with disabilities and low-income families. Some potential opportunities resulting from UPK include increased access for children served in Solano County, more educational options for young children and their families, educational and career advancement options for Early Learning Center teachers, including private care centers, and increased collaboration with early learning and care partners. Some potential pitfalls include the loss of 4-year-olds to private providers, workforce shortages may increase as teachers move into CSPP/TK teaching opportunities, and the need for more before/after school care. The rollout of UPK will also mean facilities will need to be modernized and expanded, as existing facilities are aged and do not have enough room to accommodate an influx of more children.

VI. 2023 Program Investment Planning

Megan Richards, Deputy Director of First 5 Solano, presented a brief overview of the 2023 Program Investment Plan (PIP). The PIP is used to communicate how funds will be allocated toward strategies that contribute to strategic goals and results and aligns with the Strategic Plan. Ms. Richards shared that the Commission has weighed in on the vast majority of its investments and has \$452,000 annually to decide what strategies it wants to fund. Based upon the Policy and Oversight Committee's (POC) direction, staff offered baseline recommendations for the remaining strategies. The Commission discussed and generally agreed with staff's recommendations and began discussing the remaining strategies. Commissioners Hannigan and Estrella-Henderson agreed that it is important to continue funding Rio Vista in some capacity. At the end of the discussion, there was approximately \$92,000 remaining to be decided upon. Executive Director Harris indicated that the Commission could make these final rankings at its October meeting.

VII. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Michele Harris reported that F5S received \$5M in state funds to replace the roof and HVAC system for the Vallejo Early Learning Center. Additionally, F5S hired the consultation company Navalta Media to perform equity work.

VIII. Commissioner Remarks

No Commissioner remarks.

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

The next Commission meeting will be held on October 19, 2022, at 3:00 PM via teleconference. Support staff located at 3375 Sonoma Boulevard, Suite 30, Vallejo. Future agenda items include Program Investment Planning, Annual Audit, Annual Report, Committee Report

Adjourn

Chair Hannigan adjourned the meeting at 5:13 PM.

Caitlin Brakefield, Office Assistant III

Approved:

