



Commission Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, September 13, 2021, 6:00 pm

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice-Chair, Dr. Rocio Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM on behalf of Marilyn Cachola Lucey.

Due to COVID-19, the meeting was held on a web-based platform. Meeting protocols were introduced. The Vice-Chair welcomed incoming District 3 Alternate: Rhoda Butler. The Vice-Chair also announced that District 4's Matt Regan and Gareth Ashley were re-appointed and re-assigned their positions

Present during **roll call** were:

District 1 Commissioner: Dr. Rocio Hernandez
District 3 Commissioner: Lee Ross
District 3 Alternate: Rhoda Butler
District 4 Alternate: Gareth Ashley
District 5 Commissioner: John Jones
Health Services Department: Dr. Chris Farnitano
Board of Supervisors: Candace Andersen
Children & Families Services Alternate: Roslyn Gentry

Also present: County Counsel Keiko Kobayashi

Commissioners absent:

District 2: Marilyn Cachola Lucey
District 4: Matt Regan
EHSD: Kathy Gallagher
Children & Families Services Commissioner: Kathy Marsh

Alternates absent:

District 1: Genoveva Garcia Calloway
District 2: Srividya Iyengar
Health Services: Daniel Peddycord, RN.
Board of Supervisors: Diane Burgis

2.0 Public Comment

No public comment received.

3.0 Approval of Consent Calendar



An initial motion was made and a roll call vote to accept the full consent calendar was cast but stopped midway.

Ruth Fernández stated that because the Executive Committee Meeting of September 13, 2021 had a last minute **meeting cancellation** due to lack of quorum, the officers were therefore unable to review and approve the previous Executive Committee meeting minutes. That item was #3.3 on the consent calendar.

Ruth requested to remove item #3.3 from the consent calendar.

An amended motion made by Candace Andersen seconded by John Jones to accept the remaining items on the consent calendar.

Roll call vote:

District 1: Dr. Rocio Hernandez	Yes
District 3: Lee Ross	Yes
District 4: Gareth Ashley	Yes
District 5: John Jones	Yes
Health Services Department: Dr. Chris Farnitano	Yes
BOS: Candace Andersen	Yes
Children & Families' Services: Roslyn Gentry	Yes

Nos: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Matt Regan, Kathy Gallagher, Kathy Marsh, Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Srividya Iyengar, Daniel Peddycord RN, Diane Burgis.

The Consent Calendar **APPROVED**.

4.0 Consider for discussion any items removed from the consent calendar.

Ruth Fernández informed that the item-

3.3 Accept Executive Committee Minutes from the Special Meeting on August 03, 2021.

was removed pending its approval at the upcoming October 11, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting.

5.0 Receive presentation of First 5 Association of California's Executive Director Melissa Stafford Jones on First 5 Association's state-level efforts.

Ruth Fernández introduced guest speaker, First 5 Association of California's Executive Director Melissa Stafford Jones.

Melissa provided a slide presentation (included in the packet) outlining the First 5 Association's 2021 State and Federal Policy Developments for Young Children and Families, an overview of the First 5 Association's 2022-24 Strategic Plan, Race, Ethnicity, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Activities and other Learning and Engagement Opportunities.

Melissa shared that there will be a more detailed written version of the 2022-24 Strategic Plan during the official rollout in October.



State policy highlights included mention of several early childhood areas addressed in the 2021-2022 State Budget in the areas of a) Family Supports (Paid Family Leave and Universal Based Income Pilot (UBI)), b) Health and Development (new approved benefits postpartum, access to doula care, and additional funds for Regional Centers and IDEA early intervention services), and c) Early Care and Learning (including rate reforms, additional slots for providers which includes Family, Friends and Neighbors with a focus on equity).

Additionally, Melissa underscored the REDI as a core principle for the First 5 Association's work and intentionality in centering equity for individual leaders at the organizational level in local First 5 County Commission, and for the Association's own policy work.

At the end of three years, the goal is to see a different level of capacity and shift in how the First 5 Association will conduct work that centers on families.

Melissa responded to questions and made the following additional comments:

First 5's whole child, whole family framework is strongly aligned in the work of the Governor's Early Childhood Policy Committee and the Master Plan. The proposals and the positions that the Association takes on are based on deeply informed local experience and from the expertise of the local First 5s.

In response to questions regarding ACES: Some First 5s and local coalitions had applied for and received some grants to increase ACEs awareness, specifically related to Health Providers of ACEs screenings. There are growing themes developing in State Policy and across community based health care systems for networks of care and the effort to make closed loop connections and referrals. Local First 5s with their local partners are grounded in that and there is enormous potential to coordinate and integrate and partner with the Medical System in some new and innovative ways.

Ruth Fernández thanked Melissa for the presentation and the First 5 Association's continued support of its local First 5.

6.0 Consider appointing the Nominating Committee for 2022 Officers' Election

Ruth Fernández presented the 2022 Nominating Committee process and timeline.

She shared that the Nominating committee shall be comprised of 3-5 Commissioners, and that **any** Commission member may serve. She explained the minimal commitment level needed including a meeting leading up to the announcement of nominees for Officers' Election 2022.

The committee will be selected for the sole purpose of selecting a single slate of nominees for Officers' Election 2022 to be presented for vote by the membership at the December meeting of the Commission.

Gareth Ashley, Dr. Chris Farnitano and John Jones volunteered to serve.

Motion was made by Roslyn Gentry seconded by Lee Ross, to appoint Gareth Ashley, Chris Farnitano and John Jones to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2022 Officers' Election.

Roll call vote:

District 1: Dr. Rocio Hernandez	Yes
District 3: Lee Ross	Yes
District 4: Gareth Ashley	Yes



District 5: John Jones	Yes
Health Services Department: Dr. Chris Farnitano	Yes
BOS: Candace Andersen	Yes
Children & Families' Services: Roslyn Gentry	Yes

Nos: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Matt Regan, Kathy Gallagher, Kathy Marsh, Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Srividya Iyengar, Daniel Peddycord RN, Diane Burgis.

The motion **APPROVED**.

7.0 Receive Executive Director's Report

Ruth Fernández provided the Executive Director's Report with a slide presentation. Materials of the slide presentation were provided in the packet.

Part of Ruth's report included the staff updates which includes a new incoming full-time Ready Kids East County Initiative Coordinator, Jessica Keener, who will begin in 2 weeks; and the departures of 2+ years Administrative Assistant Lan Morris (left September 8, 2021) and 21+ years Administrative Manager Shawn Garcia (leaving November 2021). Shawn Garcia announced that her final Commission Meeting participation is on October 11, 2021.

Vice-Chair invited questions from the floor. There were none.

8.0 Communications

For the purpose of keeping the Commission informed, Ruth brought to the Commissioners' attention two important pieces of materials included in the packet:

- The Rules for Participating by Teleconference memo received from the Clerk of the Board dated August 24, 2021.
- *Preventing Childhood Toxic Stress: Partnering with Families and Communities to Promote Relational Health*, Paper by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

9.0 Commissioner F.Y.I. Updates

Gareth Ashley explained to the Commission why he requested for reassignment of his position from District 4 Commissioner to District 4 Alternate. Due to increase in his work load, he spoke with District 4 Alternate Matt Regan and suggested they switch roles. Both agreed and requested the District 4 Board Office to re-assign them during their re-appointment period.

John Jones and Lee Ross expressed sadness for Shawn Garcia's announcement of leaving First 5 Contra Costa. They wished her best, and thanked her for her many years of service.

10.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.