COMMISSION MEETING
INFORMATION PACKET

Monday, August 16, 2021

Virtual Meeting - Via Zoom

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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The First 5 Commission will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 2021. Remote Virtual Participation Only.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor’s Stay at Home Executive Order N-33-20 issued on March 19, 2020 to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, the First 5 Contract Support Committee meetings will no longer provide in-person participation until further notice. To participate in this meeting, the public are invited to observe and address the First 5 Contract Support Committee telephonically or electronically.

Instructions for public participation are below:

The meeting will be hosted through Zoom. Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20, issued on March 17, 2020, committee members will attend electronically or telephonically; the meeting will have no location to physically attend.

The public may observe the meeting online at Zoom.us by going to:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85260188893?pwd=RFE4Z25zMTVTcVVoM2RDME5zMINHQT09

The Meeting ID is 852 6018 8893, and password is 959693. If you are unable to join the online meeting, you may also call in to 669-900-6833 and when prompted, enter the Meeting ID 852 6018 8893, and password is 959693. Persons desiring to participate in public comment may use one of the options below:

1. **Online via Zoom**
   a. You may ‘raise your hand’ via a hand icon on your screen. The Chair will call on you, open your mic, and let you address the First 5 Commission for up to 2 minutes.
   b. You may indicate your wish to speak in the chat window. The Chair will call on you, open your mic, and let you address the committee for up to 2 minutes.

2. **By phone** – If you would like to make a comment by phone, please call (805) 568-4430 before 9:05 p.m. the day of the meeting. The Chair will call on you, open your mic, and let you address the First 5 Commission for up to 2 minutes.

3. **Distribution to the First 5 Commission** – Submit your comment via email, preferably limited to 250 words or less, to the Committee Clerk at sgonzalez@countyofsb.org prior to noon the day before the meeting. Your comment will be placed into the record and distributed appropriately. To assist staff in identifying the agenda item to which the comment relates, the public is encouraged to indicate the meeting date and agenda item or state “general comment” for items not on the day’s agenda.
4. **Read into the record at the meeting:** Submit your comment via email, preferably limited to 250 words or less, to the Committee Clerk at sgonzalez@countyofsb.org prior to the start of the meeting. To assist staff in identifying the agenda item to which the comment relates, the public is encouraged to indicate the meeting date and agenda item or state “general comment” for public comment for items not on the day’s agenda.

Individuals with disabilities who desire to request a reasonable accommodation or modification to observe or participate in the meeting may make such request by contacting Sara Gonzalez at (805) 568-4430 or by sending an email to sgonzalez@countyofsb.org. The request should be made no later than noon on the day prior to the meeting in order to provide time for the County to address the request.

The First 5 Commission rules on hearings and public comment remain applicable to each of the participation methods listed above. The Chair may set reasonable rules as needed to conduct the meeting in an orderly manner.”
Commission Meeting Agenda

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9:00am to 12:00pm

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A. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call/Introductions

3. Motion to approve the Commission’s June 21, 2021 meeting minutes 5 Min

4. Public Comment for items not on the agenda 5 Min

B. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Commissioner Announcements 10 Min
   This time is reserved for the Commissioners to bring up matters relating to children ages birth to 5 which may be of interest to the Commission.

2. Executive Director’s Comments – Wendy Sims-Moten 20 Min

3. Fiscal Update – Suzanne Hayes 10 Min

4. Legislative Update – Sharol Viker 20 Min
   a. State Budget Update – Sharol Viker/Suzanne Hayes

The public may address the Commission on any matter listed on the agenda. Speaker slips are available and should be completed and delivered to the Commission Clerk before the item is considered. Writings that are a public record under Government Code Section 54957.5(a) and that relate to an agenda item for an open session of a regular meeting of the Commission and that are distributed to a majority of all of the members of the Commission prior to a meeting but less than 72 hours prior to that meeting shall be available for public inspection at 5385 Hollister Avenue, Bldg. 10, Suite 110, Santa Barbara, CA 93111 during normal business hours. If you require a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in the meeting, you may make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, by contacting First 5 Santa Barbara County, Children and Families Commission at 805-884-8085 at least 72 hours before the meeting. Translation assistance may also be requested.
C. ACTION ITEMS

1. Commission Recruitment 10 Min
   a. Motion to recommend appointment of Lorraine Neenan as a “Community Member” (number 7) of the First 5 Children and Families Commission of Santa Barbara County, to fill an unexpired term that ends June 30, 2024 and regular term that commences July 1, 2024, and direct staff to forward application to the Board of Supervisors

   b. Motion to recommend appointment of Emilio Handall as a “Community Alternate Member” (number 12) of the First 5 Children and Families Commission of Santa Barbara County beginning August 31, 2021 for a period of three years, and direct staff to forward application to the Board of Supervisors

Adjourn to: Monday, September 20, 2021
Location: TBD
9:00am to 12:00pm
REGULAR BUSINESS
A. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order
   Chair Ortiz called the meeting to order at 9:02 am

2. Roll Call/Introductions
   Commissioners Present: Steve Ortiz, Beverly Taylor (left at 10:46 am), Susan Salcido, Dr. Henning Ansorg, Tanja Heitman, Bill Cirone, Bob Nelson, Suzanne Grimmesey, Lorraine Neenan, and Ismael Paredes Ulloa.

   Commissioners Not Present: Das Williams, Daniel Nielson, and Teresa Alvarez

   Staff Present: Wendy Sims-Moten, Michelle Robertson, Sharol Viker, Suzanne Hayes, Liliana Martinez, County Counsel: Maria Novatt, and Sara Gonzalez

3. Adjourned at 9:03 am to:
   Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b), to conduct an annual performance evaluation of the Executive Director of the First 5 Commission

4. Report out from Closed Session – Maria Novatt
   Chair Ortiz reconvened the meeting at 9:18 am into Regular Session. Maria Novatt announced there was no reportable action taken.

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5. A motion was made by Cirone, seconded by Taylor, to approve the Commission’s May 17, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following votes: YES – 8  NO – 0  ABSTAIN – 1

6. Public Comment for items not on the agenda
None Received

B. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Commissioner Announcements
   This time is reserved for the Commissioners to bring up matters relating to children ages birth to 5, which may be of interest to the Commission.

   Commissioner Nelson reported that the week of June 7th, the County Board of Supervisors held the Budget Hearings. During the Budget Hearings, there was a discussion on how to spend the ARPA funding. There was a big movement for a significant investment in preschool and child care. The Board of Supervisors was not prepared to allocate the requested 5% but is committed to continuing the conversation around this topic with the community. More information to come on this topic.

   a. Commissioner Beverly Taylor was honored for her years of service on the First 5 Commission – 2018 – 2021

   b. Wendy Sims-Moten was recognized for her 25 years of service to the First 5 Commission and the County of Santa Barbara

2. Fiscal Update – Suzanne Hayes
   Suzanne Hayes reported that the California state legislature released its negotiated budget package on June 14, and both chambers passed the identical bill. The package totals $264 billion. This is the largest CA budget yet, and to give context, the amount represents about 5.9% of the federal budget amount. The legislature is very motivated to pass a budget by Jun 15th as their pay is suspended if they miss that deadline. There are still negotiations with the governor to come.

   The budget will not be finalized until trailer bills are passed. That will take several more weeks.

3. Legislative Update – Sharol Viker
   Sharol Viker provided the Commission an update of the proposed and pending legislation that aligns with the First 5 Santa Barbara County Strategic Plan and evaluation outcomes

4. Dual Language Learner Pilot Contract Extension Update – Sharol Viker
   Sharol Viker provided the Commission an Update of the Dual Language Learner Pilot Contract Extension
5. Advisory Board – Flo Furuike
   a. Report from the June 3, 2021 Meeting
      Flo Furuike provided the Commission a report from the June 3, 2021, Advisory Board Meeting

6. Executive Director’s Comments – Wendy Sims-Moten
   Wendy Sims-Moten provided the Commission verbal Executive Director’s Comments

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. Election of Commission Officers
   a. A motion was made by Cirone, seconded by Heitman, to nominate Steve Ortiz to be Chair, with a term commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022. The motion carried by the following votes: YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

   A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Cirone, to nominate Ismael Paredes Ulloa to be Vice-Chair, with a term commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022. The motion carried by the following votes: YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

2. 4th Reading of the Social Justice Statement – Wendy Sims-Moten
   The Commission reviewed and discussed the 4th draft of the Social Justice Statement and gave staff direction on edits.

   Public Comment
   None received

   a. A motion was made by Neenan, seconded by Paredes Ulloa to approve the final draft of the First 5 Santa Barbara County Social Justice Statement, and direct staff to publish the statement on the First 5 Website. The motion carried by the following votes: YES – 10 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

3. Fiscal Committee – Steve Ortiz
   a. A motion was made by Paredes Ulloa, seconded by Heitman, to accept minutes from the February 17, 2021, Fiscal Committee Meeting. The motion carried by the following votes: YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

   b. Report from the June 10, 2021 meeting
      Commissioner Ortiz provided the Commission a report from the June 10, 2021, Fiscal Committee Meeting. The Fiscal Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, August 25, 2021.
4. **Contract Support Committee — Michelle Robertson**
   a. A motion was made by Neenan, seconded by Salcido, to approve the revised Contract Support Committee description. The motion carried by the following votes: YES – 9  NO – 0  ABSTAIN – 0
   
   b. A motion was made by Paredes Ulloa, seconded by Heitman, to approve committee assignment for Advisory Board member Ann McCarty to serve on the Contract Support Committee. The motion carried by the following votes: YES – 9  NO – 0  ABSTAIN – 0

5. **Early Learning Planning Grant Contract Extensions — Michelle Robertson**
   a. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Salcido, to amend the term of the current Guadalupe Union School District Early Learning Planning contract from April 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021. The motion carried by the following votes: YES – 9  NO – 0  ABSTAIN – 0
   
   b. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Neenan, to amend the term of the current Lompoc Unified School District Early Learning Planning contract from April 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021. The motion carried by the following votes: YES – 9  NO – 0  ABSTAIN – 0
   
   c. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Neenan, to amend the term of the current Santa Barbara Unified School District Early Learning Planning contract from April 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021. The motion carried by the following votes: YES – 9  NO – 0  ABSTAIN – 0
   
   d. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Paredes Ulloa, to amend the term of the current Santa Maria Bonita School District Early Learning Planning contract from April 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021. The motion carried by the following votes: YES – 9  NO – 0  ABSTAIN – 0

Adjourned at 10:58am to:

**Monday, August 16, 2021**

Location: TBD

9:00am to 12:00pm
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
ACTION ITEMS
Profile

Emilio Handall

First Name: 
Last Name: 
Email Address: 
Street Address: 
City: 
State: CA 
Postal Code: 93013 

Indicate Supervisor Who Will Receive a Copy of your Application *

☑ First District - Das Williams

Primary Phone: 
Alternate Phone: 

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

FIRST 5, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION: Submitted

Reference 1 Name

Jon Clark

Reference 1 Address

Reference 1 Telephone

Reference 1 Occupation

Executive Director, JS Bower Foundation

Reference 2 Name

Luke Ontiveros

Reference 2 Address
As a current school superintendent in Guadalupe and lifelong county resident, I have much interest in improving the outcomes for our youngest. For the last 13 years, I have worked in SB County and have leveraged all of my experience, knowledge and professional network in attempting to improve the academic and social outcomes of some of the most disadvantaged students in the county. Working as principal of McKinley Elementary in Santa Barbara USD and then as assistant superintendent of elementary education in the same district, I vigorously pursued multiple manners to improve the quality and capacity of our local early education opportunities. Since beginning my tenure as superintendent in Guadalupe, I have sought the support and guidance of the First 5 Commission. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve on their commission and give back what this great organization has provided me and many others for so long.
Give any information explaining qualifications, experience, training, education, volunteer activities, community organization memberships, or personal interests that bear on your application for the above Board, Commission or Committee. Attach additional documentation as necessary.

As mentioned above, I have a lot of qualifications in the field of education. Mostly in TK-8th. However, I have been involved in numerous initiatives to improve the lives of our youngest and most vulnerable residents. Having been born in Santa Barbara and raised in Carpinteria, I bring a unique experience and perspective to this agency that I hope will facilitate a great confluence as the 0-3 begins to merge with the existing TK-12 system. I have an AA from SBCC, BA (History) from UCLA, M.Ed. (Education) from LaVerne University, MA (Educational Leadership) from Azusa Pacific and a Doctorate (Ed.D.) from Concordia University, Chicago. I have been in public education since 1996.

Demographics

Ethnicity

☐ Hispanic

Gender

☐ Male

Date of Birth

Education Completed:

Doctorate in Educational Leadership

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I agree that upon submission of this application all information provided is a matter of public record, and is subject to disclosure.

☐ I Agree *
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
 Alvareznamedchildren's project executive director

by Dave Mason | July 11, 2021 | 0 comment

Teresa Alvarez is the new executive director of the Carpinteria Children's Project. (Photo by Daniel Alcaraz)

The Carpinteria Children's Project board has appointed Teresa Alvarez its executive director.

Ms. Alvarez has been with the organization since 2019 as the associate director and has served in that role in addition to being interim executive director since January.

"When we appointed Teresa as interim ED we planned to embark on an extensive executive search. However, it soon became clear that Teresa had the skills, the expertise and the commitment to the mission CCP needed for the next steps in our growth and focus," board president Michael Cooney said in a news release. "Teresa is above all a hard-working leader who is well-respected in the community, among CCP staff and families and by the board, and we look forward to continuing to work with her as we serve the Carpinteria children and families."

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CCP is a community resource that offers early childhood education on their campus at the former Main School on 8th Street and at Aliso and Canalinol elementary schools. The Family Resource Center offers assistance and advising for basic needs such as food and social services enrollments in addition to parenting classes, referrals for counseling, services to address childhood trauma, and other issues that encourage healthy family relationships.

"Not everyone gets to say they have their dream job and live in their dream community, but today, I do," Ms. Alvarez said. "I value the work CCP does through early childhood education and the Family Resource Center and the staff who help make beneficial impacts each day. It is truly an honor to lead the organization and the CCP staff and to work in tandem with the board to ensure this organization serves Carpinteria Valley for years to come."

Ms. Alvarez has more than a decade of experience in the nonprofit sector in mid-management and leadership roles in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

She was hired as the Family Resource Center at CCP, where she served for two years before she led El Centro Family Learning Centers, a family resource center in Oxnard.

She has previously worked at United Boys and Girls Club of Santa Barbara and at the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

Ms. Alvarez also volunteers as a commissioner for First 5 Santa Barbara, the board chair for Future Leaders of America, and on the Santa Barbara Latino Giving Circle, where she is a founding member.

She earned her bachelor's in sociology at UCSB and master's in psychology at Antioch Santa Barbara.

She and her husband Brian are raising their two young sons, Nico and Enzo, in Carpinteria.

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