



**COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

September 15, 2022

Commissioners Present: Bruce Stenslie, Christine Walker, Barbara Marquez-O’Neill, Robert Levin, Rachel Champagne, Cesar Morales, Barry Zimmerman, Michael Gollub

Excused Absence: Matt LaVere

Staff Present: Petra Puls, Jennifer Johnson, Lauren Arzu, Alma Perez, Heather Guerrero, Sam McCoy, Jhoelle Aspuria-Arca, John Anderson, Amy Cook, Shelby Ferns, Janet Fleming, Tyla Adams, Jimena Hernandez, Teresa Gutierrez, Grace Montejano, Andrew Huizar, Christina Saenz, Blanca Morales

Public Present: Liat Sayfan, Cindy Escobar, Chrystal Tipping, Alicia McFarland

OPENING

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Stenslie opened the meeting at 1:02 p.m., reminded attendees how to participate via public comment, and gave attendees the opportunity to introduce themselves. The Commissioners commented on the passing of County Supervisor Carmen Ramirez, remarking on her dedication to the underserved.

2. Recognition and Appreciation of Commissioner Gollub for his work on behalf of First 5 Ventura County – Chair Stenslie

The Commission and Petra Puls recognized and thanked Commissioner Gollub for his 14 years serving the children and families of Ventura County. Commissioner Gollub reflected on his career and work with F5VC.

3. Adopt a Resolution for Commission to Continue to Hold Virtual Meetings due to COVID-19 Emergency

Chair Stenslie stated that virtual meetings have been held in response to Governor Newsom signing an Executive Order. According to Assembly Bill No. 361, local agencies and boards are permitted to hold virtual meetings through January 1, 2024. He detailed the conditions that must be met in order for virtual meetings to occur.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gollub, seconded by Commissioner Levin, to adopt a resolution authorizing F5VC to allow Commissioners to participate via teleconference so long as such actions comply with AB 361. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2022 Commission Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Marquez-O’Neill, to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2022 Commission Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Agenda Approval and Review of Commission Packets

Petra provided an overview of regular and supplemental packet items, noting materials were sent via email and are posted on the F5VC website.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerman, seconded by Commissioner Levin, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Comments/Correspondence

There were no comments from members of the public.

7. Presentation: Parenting Ladder Survey

Sam McCoy and Liat Sayfan, ASR, presented the findings from the Parenting Ladder Survey. This survey garnered 214 responses and showed that parents enrolled in F5VC’s PACT classes experienced an increase in parental self-efficacy.

The Commission thanked Sam and Liat for their presentation and had a discussion on the benefits of singing in early childhood development. Staff will gather additional research on the benefit of singing and bring back information at a subsequent meeting.

8. Presentation: Wonderschool and the Shared Service Alliance of Ventura County

Janet Fleming and Cindy Escobar, VCOE, presented an update on implementation of the Wonderschool pilot program. Approximately 31 providers have been enrolled in the pilot’s current cohort. Providers are using the Wonderschool platform to increase enrollment, improve fee collection, and increase their sustainability as a business.

The Commission thanked Janet and Cindy for an insightful presentation and shared their excitement for the next cohort.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Recommendation to approve updates to Executive Director’s Objectives and Performance Goals for FY 2022-23

The Commission discussed the implementation of the sixth business goal for the Executive Director, to implement a visioning exercise relative to continued uncertain times, opportunities, and contingencies. Petra and the Commissioners explored relevant visioning exercises including an annual retreat.

Petra will present options for visioning exercises at an upcoming meeting for further discussion with the Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman, to approve updates to the Executive Director’s Objectives and Performance Goals for the current fiscal year.

10. Report from Executive Director

Petra Puls presented the Report from Commission staff. In this report, Petra went over updates on staffing, NfL and community events, the ongoing audit, F5VC website changes, the Parenting Ladder Survey, and recent staffing updates with F5CA and F5AC.

The Commission thanked Petra for organizing a concise report.

11. Commission Member Comments

The Commission discussed the implementation and impacts of universal pre-kindergarten and transitional kindergarten with Alicia McFarland, VCOE.

Chair Stenslie thanked staff for their tireless efforts during the pandemic.

12. Next Meeting

Thursday, October 20, 2022, VIRTUAL/IN-PERSON (To observe or participate in the meeting conducted via Zoom, please contact First 5 Ventura County at assistant@first5ventura.org at least one hour prior to the start of the meeting for registration information).

13. Future Meetings

Thursday, November 17, 2022, County Office of Education, 5100 Adolfo Rd., Camarillo
Thursday, December 15, 2022, County Office of Education, 5100 Adolfo Rd., Camarillo

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.