

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

January 14, 2020, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
3375 Sonoma Blvd, Suite 30, Vallejo, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present: Erin Hannigan, Jerry Huber, Leneshia Anderson, Jennifer Barton, Aaron Crutison (arrived 6:09 PM), Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Nicole Neff (arrived 5:35 PM), Tyffany Wanberg (arrived 5:40 PM)

Chair Hannigan called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM

I. Public Comment

No public comment

II. Consent Calendar

Motion:

- A. Approve the January 14, 2020 Commission Meeting Agenda
- B. Approve October 8, 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes

**Moved by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson; Seconded by Commissioner Barton
Approved 5-0-0**

Yea: Commissioners Anderson, Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber,

Nay: None

Abstain: None

III. Election of the 2020 First 5 Solano Commission Officers

Motion: Consider approval of the recommendation from the Nominating Committee to appoint Lisette-Estrella-Henderson as 2020 Chair and Jennifer Barton as 2020 Vice-Chair of the First 5 Solano Commission

**Moved by Commissioner Huber; Seconded by Commissioner Anderson
Approved 5-0-0**

Yea: Commissioners Anderson, Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Commissioners Neff and Wanberg arrived.

Commissioner Estrella-Henderson thanked Commissioner Hannigan for her service as chair for the last 2 years, highlighting the Commission's efforts over that time in nonprofit capacity building, increased engagement in philanthropic giving, and implementing the 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan, which includes opening the First 5 Center.

IV. Positive Parenting Month Resolution

Health Education Specialist Kwiana Algere reported that the County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to acknowledge January as Positive Parenting Month, a time to recognize the vital role parents, relatives, and caretakers play in creating happy, healthy, thriving children.

Motion: Consider approval of Resolution #2020-01 recognizing January 2020 as “Positive Parenting Awareness Month” in Solano County

Moved by Commissioner Barton; Seconded by Commissioner Anderson

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Anderson, Barton, Estrella-Henderson, Hannigan, Huber, Neff, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

V. First 5 Center Update

Commissioners took a tour of the new First 5 Center. Deputy Director Megan Richards informed the Commission of the First 5 Center Grand Opening event February 13th. Program Manager Lorraine Fernandez shared that Medic Ambulance has contributed \$100,000 to tenant improvements. Alexina Rojas from Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) introduced Center Director Andrea Azurdia. Ms. Azurdia announced the hiring of a Bilingual Community Resource Specialist, a Solano County resident with 13 years of experience.

Commissioner Crutison arrived.

Chair Estrella-Henderson led a toast to the hard work of the Commission and staff in launching the First 5 Center.

VI. Policy and Oversight Committee Report

Commissioner Huber introduced Christina Branom from Applied Survey Research (ASR), who presented the Early Childhood Assessment report which included barriers to expanding early learning opportunities. The Commission discussed strategies to overcome barriers, particularly what benefits could come from returning the Local Child Care Planning Council to the County Office of Education. The Commission asked that ASR look deeper into what this move would look like so the Commission could make this recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors.

VII. IMACT 2020

Motion: Consider approval of a First 5 Solano Application to the First 5 California IMPACT 2020 anticipated Request for Applications (RFA) in the amount of \$664,207 for FY2020/21-FY2022/23 with a required local match not to exceed \$221,402

Program Director Juanita Morales provided background on the IMPACT program and shared some of the changes for IMPACT 2020. Should the Commission approve this item, First 5 Solano will apply for the funding and continue to partner with Solano County Office of Education for implementation.

**Moved by Commissioner Hannigan; Seconded by Commissioner Anderson
Approved 8-0-0**

**Yea: Commissioners Anderson, Barton, Crutison, Estrella-Henderson,
Hannigan, Huber, Neff, Wanberg**

Nay: None

Abstain: None

VIII. Executive Director's Report

Nothing additional from the staff report

IX. Commissioner Remarks

Commissioners congratulated and commended staff for work on the center, and thanked Commissioner Hannigan for her leadership on this project.

X. Future Agenda Items

The next Commission meeting will be held on March 3, 2020 at 5:30PM at Sonoma Boulevard, Suite 30, Vallejo. Future agenda items include: First 5 Solano Budget, Committee Reports, First 5 Center Reconciliation

Adjourn

Chair Estrella-Henderson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Luke Winders, Office Assistant III

Approved:

