

FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO
First 5 Commission Meeting
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303
San Diego, CA 92101

Members Present:

Kristin Gaspar, Chairwoman
Carol Skiljan, Vice-Chair
Sandra McBrayer, Secretary
Dr. Wilma Wooten
Nick Macchione

Staff Present:

Alethea Arguilez, Executive Director
Martin Cherry, Operations Administrator
Katherine Hart, Sr. Deputy County Counsel
Christi Knight, Legislative Assistant
Karen Hays, Executive Secretary

Members Absent:

Kyle Sand, Sr. Deputy County Counsel

Minutes for October 10, 2019

Call to Order

Chairwoman Gaspar called the meeting of the First 5 Commission of San Diego to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes from April 18, 2019.

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Macchione, seconded by Commissioner McBrayer, the Commission approved the Minutes of April 18, 2019.

AYES: Gaspar, Skiljan, McBrayer, Macchione, Wooten
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

Opportunity for Public Comments

Joann Fields, Public Relations & Government Director of Asian and Pacific Islander Initiative, advocating on the importance of participation in the Census 2020. She stressed the need to ensure that the Commission is engaged in supporting the Census for the hardest to count, which include children ages birth to 5 years.

Lucia Garay, Executive Director for Education at the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) expressed her thanks to the Commission for the investments that have been made in Early Learning since the onset of the Commission. The investments have created a systems change not only for the County but for the County's ability to leverage efforts as they have developed at the State level.

Dr. Lily Cosico-Berge, LiveWell Intensive Physical Exercise Project Manager at Neighborhood House Association / HeadStart thanked the Commission and SDCOE for the LiveWell grant and the positive impacts the effort has had on their workforce and the children / families they serve.

Commissioner Recusal Reminder

Chairwoman Gaspar reminded all Commissioners to recuse themselves from voting on any agenda item that has a real or perceived conflict of interest.

Consent Calendar

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Macchione, seconded by Commissioner McBrayer, the Commission approved the formation of the consent calendar with Item 3 approved on consent.

AYES: Gaspar, Skiljan, McBrayer, Macchione, Wooten

ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

1. Public Hearing: Annual Report to First 5 California for FY 2018-19
ON MOTION OF Commissioner McBrayer, seconded by Commissioner Skiljan, the Commission:

- 1) Opened the Public Hearing.
- 2) Received the presentation.
- 3) Received no public comment.
- 4) Approved the submission of the Annual Report to First 5 California for Fiscal Year 2018-19.
- 5) Authorized the Executive Director to submit public comment, if any, to the State Commission.
- 6) Closed the Public Hearing.

AYES: Gaspar, Skiljan, McBrayer, Macchione, Wooten
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

2. Public Hearing: Annual Audit for FY 2018-19

Executive Director Arguilez spoke regarding the Annual Audit stating that there were no findings or deficiencies noted. The audit was performed by Moss, Levy, & Hartzheim, LLP.

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Wooten, seconded by Commissioner Macchione, the Commission:

- 1) Opened the Public Hearing.
- 2) Received no public comment.
- 3) Approved the First 5 Commission of San Diego Audit for FY 2018 - 19.
- 4) Authorized the Executive Director to submit the Audit to First 5 California and the California State Controller.
- 5) Closed Public Hearing.

AYES: Gaspar, Skiljan, McBrayer, Macchione, Wooten
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

3. Sunset Review of Two Commission Policies

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Macchione, seconded by Commissioner McBrayer, the Commission approved the formation of the consent calendar with Item 3 approved on consent. The Commission:

Approved the revised Commission Policies on:

- 1) Protest Procedures F5C-006
- 2) Notification of Use of Client Information F5C-024

AYES: Gaspar, Skiljan, McBrayer, Macchione, Wooten
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

4. The San Diego Mother's Milk Bank UCSD Health

Dr. Lisa Stellwagen, Executive Director of the UCSD Mother's Milk Bank provided a presentation on the positive impacts of breastfeeding and challenges in getting support from the public and the broader

medical community. Dr. Stellwagen also talked about the new Milk Bank center which will be opening in the Spring of 2020 at the San Diego Blood Bank.

5. San Diego for Every Child – The Coalition to End Child Poverty

Sara Jacobs, Chair, and Erin Hogeboom, Director, of San Diego for Every Child gave a presentation on childhood poverty in San Diego County and the short and long-term objectives to combat this issue.

6. Finance Committee Report

The Chairman of the Finance Committee, Fred Baranowski, reported on the financial status of the Commission as of August 31, 2019.

7. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Arguilez reported the following:

- Over 40+ community events were either attended or sponsored by the Commission.
- The First 5 Commission hosted a meeting in May with the California Surgeon General, Dr. Nadine Burke-Harris to talk about ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) screening and toxic stressors that are impacting our children and families throughout not only the State, but on a national level. The discussion focused on early identification and intervention with various Commission service providers and highlighted our Healthy Development Services program and the First 5 First Steps initiative.
- The importance on connecting with women in the community who are pregnant and as early as pre-conception to ensure a healthy birth outcome and continue to strategize to build upon our systems of care that are so vital to the citizens of San Diego County.
- Executive Director Arguilez was endorsed by the First 5 Association to apply for the Early Childhood Policy Council which is the Governor's new advisory council on Early Care and Education. Senator Pro Temp Toni Atkins announced her first appointment, Robin Layton, President and CEO of Education and Enrichment Systems in San Diego County and long-time supporter of Early Care and Education will be 1 of the 27 seats on the council.
- First 5 SD is continuing community engagement with the understanding that our fiscal climate is changing. Over the last month, Executive Director Arguilez met with the First 5 San Diego contracted providers to discuss the fiscal reductions that will take place starting July 1, 2020.
- A new administrative office lease has been executed for First 5 San Diego. The relocation will begin in the Spring of 2020. The new lease is part of right sizing as the commission's community investments decrease.
- Marcelina Reyes, Fiscal Manager, was honored for her 25 years of service to the County of which nearly 9 years were with the Commission.

8. Future Agenda Items

- Annual Report to the Community for FY 2018-19.

Chairwoman Gaspar adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m. to reconvene November 14, 2019.

Respectfully submitted for your review and approval:

Sandra McBrayer

November 14, 2019
Date