

FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO
First 5 Commission Meeting
Zoom Teleconference

Members Present:

Dianne Jacob, Chairwoman
Dr. Wilma Wooten, Secretary
Nick Macchione
Rick Richardson

Staff Present:

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

Members Absent:

Sandra McBrayer, Vice Chair

Minutes for October 5, 2020

Call to Order

Chairwoman Jacob called the meeting of the First 5 Commission of San Diego to order at 1:31 p.m.

Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2020.

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Wooten, seconded by Commissioner Richardson, the Commission approved the Minutes of April 22, 2020.

AYES: Jacob, Wooten, Richardson
ABSENT: McBrayer, Macchione
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

Opportunity for Public Comments

None.

Commissioner Recusal Reminder

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

*** Commissioner Macchione joined the meeting at 1:33 p.m. ***

Consent Calendar

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Macchione, seconded by Commissioner Wooten, the Commission approved the formation of the consent calendar with Items 3 and 4 approved on consent.

AYES: Jacob, Wooten, Macchione, Richardson
ABSENT: McBrayer
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

1. Public Hearing: Annual Report to First 5 California for FY 2019-20

Dulce Cahue-Aguilar, Data and Evaluation Manager, gave an overview of the Annual Report for FY 2019-20 which will be submitted to First 5 California.

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Macchione, seconded by Commissioner Wooten, 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 2019-20.
- 5) Authorized the Executive Director to submit public comment, if any, to the State Commission.
- 6) Closed the Public Hearing.

AYES: Jacob, Macchione, Wooten, Richardson
ABSENT: McBrayer
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

2. Public Hearing: Annual Audit for FY 2019-20

Fred Baranowski, Finance Committee Chairman, 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 Macchione, seconded by Commissioner Wooten, the Commission:

- 1) Opened the Public Hearing.
- 2) Received no public comment.
- 3) Approved the First 5 Commission of San Diego Audit for FY 2019-20.
- 4) Authorized the Executive Director to submit the Audit to First 5 California and the California State Controller.
- 5) Closed Public Hearing.

AYES: Jacob, Macchione, Wooten, Richardson
ABSENT: McBrayer
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

3. Sunset Review of Two Commission Policies

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Macchione, seconded by Commissioner Wooten, 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: Jacob, Macchione, Wooten, Richardson
ABSENT: McBrayer
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

4. Sunset Review of County of San Diego Article IIIp, First 5 Commission of San Diego

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Macchione, seconded by Commissioner Wooten, the Commission approved the formation of the consent calendar with Item 4 approved on consent. The Commission:

- 1) Reviewed Article IIIp First 5 Commission of San Diego and approved the continuance of the ordinance with the following change to Section 84.101 (a) to allow for the Board of Supervisors to appoint a Board member to be the presiding Chair of the Commission.
- 2) Proposed change: In the absence of the preceding Chair of the Board of Supervisors, the Board of Supervisors will appoint a Board member to be the presiding Chair of the Commission.
- 3) Effective January 1, 2021

AYES: Jacob, Macchione, Wooten, Richardson
ABSENT: McBrayer,
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

5. Learn Well Initiative within the San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative: San Diego County's Quality Rating and Improvement System

There were 3 speakers for this item:

- 1) Erin Hogeboom, Director for San Diego for Every Child, advocated for the importance of the Learn Well Initiative and her organization's partnership with First 5 San Diego and the work being done on emergency child care vouchers.
- 2) Miren Algorri, Little Blossoms Childcare, shared her experience of early intervention and support of the Learn Well Initiative.
- 3) Yvonne Griffen, Childcare Providers Union, registered to speak in support of the Learn Well Initiative but was having technical difficulties so was unable to speak to the commission.

Lucia Garay, Executive Director of Early Education Programs and Services, San Diego County Office of Education, provided a presentation of the new quality early learning initiative Learn Well and the changes for continuing providers from the Quality Preschool Initiative (QPI) to San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative (SDQPI), and of the quality improvement focus and methods developed to support and engage an expanded target of providers. The Learn Well Initiative will represent First 5 San Diego's continued partnership within the County-wide SDQPI and build the early learning and care systems and supports providers need to serve families with children ages birth to 5 years of age. SDQPI includes funding from the CA Department of Education, First 5 CA and First 5 San Diego's Learn Well appropriation.

*** Commissioner Macchione left the meeting at 2:16 pm***

6. Finance Committee Report

Fred Baranowski, Finance Committee Chairman, reported on the financial status of the Commission as of August 31, 2020.

Fred Baranowski and Amy Thompson have agreed to continue serving in their current Finance Committee positions of Chairman and Vice-Chair, respectively.

7. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Arguilez reported the following:

- Acknowledged the commission's neighborhood partners and providers and how they have worked through the challenges of the past year.
- ED Arguilez has been working as a lead for the County's COVID-19 child care sector which was responsible for activating child care vouchers helping providers and families.
- In partnership with San Diego for Every Child, First 5 Commission of San Diego was able to match a \$400k investment for emergency child care vouchers, PPE, and stipend pay for providers.

- IMPACT Family Connections report which has helped with early intervention and care coordination.

8. Future Agenda Items

- Annual Report to the Community for FY 2019-20.
- 2020-2025 Strategic Planning Session focused on new strategic directions.

Chairwoman Jacob adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m. to reconvene November 2, 2020.

Respectfully submitted for your review and approval:

Dr. Wilma J. Wooten

November 2, 2020
Date