

FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO  
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## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2026

### Members Present:

Ricardo Macedo, Chair  
Charissa Japlit, Vice-Chair  
Julie Bjerke  
RC Kinzley

### Staff Present:

Alethea Arguilez, Executive Director (via Teams)  
Fortune Cheng, Fiscal Manager  
Karen Hays, Exec Secretary  
Daniel Orila, Student Worker

### Members Absent:

Tracy Drager

### Public Present:

None

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Macedo called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 9:04am.

#### 2. Opportunity for Public Comments

None.

#### 3. Recusal Reminder

Chair Macedo reminded the Finance Committee Members to recuse themselves from voting on any agenda items that have a real or perceived conflict of interest.

#### 4. Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2025.

**ON MOTION OF Member Bjerke, seconded by Vice Chair Japlit, the Committee approved the meeting minutes from October 7, 2025.**

**AYES: Macedo, Japlit, Bjerke, Kinzly**

**ABSENT: Drager**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**NOES: None**

#### 5. Commission Financials Approval

The Committee was asked to approve the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues and Expenditures including the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Projection for the quarter ending December 31, 2025.

**ON MOTION OF Member Bjerke, seconded by Member Kinzly, the Committee approved the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues and Expenditures including the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Projection for the quarter ending December 31, 2025.**

**AYES: Macedo, Japlit, Bjerke, Kinzly**

**ABSENT: Drager**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**NOES: None**

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### **6. Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Arguilez provided an update on the following issues affecting the Commission:

- a) As part of recent changes under Senate Bill 852 (SB 852), effective January 1, 2026, the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) now requires that all public officials who manage public investments as defined in Government Code §87200, file their Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) directly with the FPPC. This will apply to our Tax Treasurer Collectors Office Committee Member Richard Kinzly.
- b) The Governor's budget draft has been released and is being monitored for impacts related to the CalWORKs Home Visiting Program.
- c) Follow up pending from First 5 Association membership dues for FY 26/27. There is a sense that the new rate of \$95k will be required.

### **7. Future Agenda Items**

- FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget including an updated Financial Spending Plan.

### **8. Adjournment**

Chair Ricardo Macedo adjourned the meeting at 9:39am to reconvene on March 17, 2026.

Notes by Karen Hays