

**FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO
CAC, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302
San Diego, CA 92101**

Members Present:

Terra Lawson-Remer, Chair
Rick Richardson, Vice Chair
Mayra E. Alvarez, Secretary
Dr. Kelly Motadel, Commissioner
Dr. Elizabeth Hernandez, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Alethea Arguilez, Executive Director
Lenette Javier, Program & Evaluation Administrator
Katherine Hart, Sr. Deputy County Counsel
Fortune Cheng, Fiscal Manager
Karen Hays, Executive Secretary
Aaron Menz, Project Coordinator

Members Absent:

None

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Richardson called the meeting of the First 5 Commission of San Diego to order at 12:35pm. Vice Chair Richardson acknowledged long time partners SBCS and Rady Children's Health KidSTART Center for their commitment to serving children and families.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 24, 2026

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Motadel, seconded by Secretary Alvarez, the Commission approved the minutes for the February 24, 2026 meeting.

AYES: Richardson, Alvarez, Hernandez, Motadel
ABSENT: Lawson-Remer
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Commission received (9) public comments:

- 1) Manuel Angeles, Family Health Centers of San Diego
- 2) Pradeep Gidwani, AAP-CA3
- 3) Wendy Pavlovich, AAP-CA3
- 4) Lucilia Portela, Family Health Centers of San Diego
- 5) Claudia Gastelum, Family Health Centers of San Diego
- 6) Brenda Durazo, SBCS
- 7) Aleli Garcia, Community Health Systems, Inc
- 8) Lauren Abrams, Health Quality Partners of Southern California
- 9) Naureen Khan, Community Health Systems

*****Chair Lawson-Remer arrived at 1:13 and began leading the meeting*****

COMMISSIONER RECUSAL REMINDER

Chair Lawson-Remer reminded all Commissioners to recuse themselves from voting on any agenda item(s) that have a real or perceived conflict of interest.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Secretary Alvarez, the Commission approved the formation of the consent calendar with Items 4, 7 and 8 approved on consent:

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Item 4: Revised Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget

Item 7: Sunset Review of Commission Policies

Item 8: Renew PRISM: Master Crime Insurance Program

There were no public comments.

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Alvarez, Richardson, Hernandez Motadel
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

ITEM 1: FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ricardo Macedo, Finance Committee Chair, reported on the Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2026.

There were no public comments.

ITEM 2: PRESENTATION ON THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT

The Commission received a presentation by Nadia Privara, MPA, Director, Behavioral Health Services, and Yael Koenig, LCSW, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Services, on the new Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) and the Prevention and Early Intervention Funds to be directed by CA Department of Public Health.

There were no public comments.

****OPENED PUBLIC HEARING****

ITEM 3: FIRST 5 SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN 2025 – 2030 ANNUAL REVIEW

The Commission received an update on the activities related to the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan in a public hearing as required annually by Sections 130140 (C)(iii) and (E) of the California Health and Safety Code.

- 1) Opened Public Hearing.
- 2) Received presentation.
- 3) No public comments were received.
- 4) Approved and reviewed the First 5 Strategic Plan 2025-2030. Received an update on the year 1 activities related to the strategic plan goals.
- 5) Closed Public Hearing.

ON MOTION OF Secretary Alvarez, seconded by Vice Chair Richardson, the Commission approved the First 5 Strategic Plan 2025-2030.

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Richardson, Alvarez, Hernandez, Motadel
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

****CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING****

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ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF THE REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 OPERATING BUDGET AND CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN ALLOCATION FOR THE HOME VISITING PROGRAM

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Secretary Alvarez, the Commission approved the formation of the consent calendar with Item 4 approved on consent:

Item 4: Revised Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Richardson, Alvarez, Hernandez, Motadel
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 OPERATING BUDGET, 5-YEAR FINANCIAL SPENDING PLAN FOR FY 2025-30 AND SUSTAINABILITY BUDGET FOR FY 2026-27

The Commission was asked to approve the FY 2026-27 Operating Budget, 5-year Financial Spending Plan for FY 2025-30, and Sustainability Budget for FY 2026-27.

There were (2) public comments:

- 1) Dacia Ruiz, Neighborhood Healthcare
- 2) Danielle Valenciano, Dr. Seuss Foundation

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Richardson, Alvarez, Hernandez, Motadel
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

ITEM 6: COMMISSION POSITION ON LOCAL MEASURE: PROTECT SAN DIEGO COUNTY'S HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT

Secretary Alvarez led the discussion related to the proposed measure that identifies First 5 Commission of San Diego as a fiscal administrator of funds should this pass in the fall of 2026. Secretary Alvarez asked the Commission to consider taking a position on, the proposed Protect San Diego County's Health and Safety Act.

There were (2) public comments:

- 1) Shelby Gomez, YMCA-CRS
- 2) Courtney Baltiyskyy, YMCA of San Diego County

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Richardson, Alvarez, Hernandez, Motadel
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

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ITEM 7: SUNSET REVIEW OF COMMISSION POLICIES

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Secretary Alvarez, the Commission approved the formation of the consent calendar with Item 7 approved on consent:

Item 7: Sunset Review of Commission Policies

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Richardson, Alvarez, Hernandez, Motadel
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

ITEM 8: SUNSET REVIEW OF COMMISSION POLICIES

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Secretary Alvarez, the Commission approved the formation of the consent calendar with Item 8 approved on consent:

Item 8: Renew PRISM: Master Crime Insurance Program

AYES: Lawson-Remer, Richardson, Alvarez, Hernandez, Motadel
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

ITEM 9: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Arguilez provided the Commission with an update on the Commission's activities as outlined in Item 9-1. Noted that supporting documents from the Strategic Behavioral Health Initiative were included for reference to Item 2: BHSA presentation.

There were no public comments.

ITEM 10: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Approval of the First 5 San Diego Annual Report to First 5 CA for FY 2025-2026
- Approval of the Annual Financial Audit for FY 2025-26
- Strategic Implementation Plan 2025-2030 Update
- LearnWell Program Presentation

Chair Lawson-Remer adjourned the meeting at 2:45pm to reconvene on October 13, 2026.

Respectfully submitted for your review and approval:

Mayra E. Alvarez, Secretary

May 28, 2026
Date