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FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO

The Commission's vision is that all children ages 0 through 5, are safe, healthy, actively learning and embraced by loving families and supportive communities.

October 20, 2026
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101
Board Chambers, Room 302

AGENDA

ITEM	SUBJECT	PRESENTER(S)
A	**Welcome and Roll Call**	**Executive Director Arguilez**
B Action	**Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the First 5 Commission of San Diego – May 28, 2026** Supporting Document	**Chair Lawson-Remer**
C	**Opportunity for Public Comment** Items not on the Agenda – Limit three minutes per speaker. (*Request to Speak* slips for Public Comment or any other item on the agenda must be submitted to Commission staff prior to the meeting being called to order). E-Comments may be submitted prior to the meeting and must be received prior to the posting of the agenda.	**Chair Lawson-Remer**
D	**Commissioner Recusal Reminder** All Commissioners are reminded to recuse themselves from voting on any agenda item that has a real or perceived conflict of interest.	**Chair Lawson-Remer**
E Action	**Consent Calendar** The Commission will vote on any action items not pulled for discussion by Commissioners or members of the public. Item(s) available for the Consent Calendar is/are: **Item 2**: Approval of the revised Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operating Budget reflecting CalWORKs Home Visiting Program and CFWB funding augmentation and approval of applicable contract amendments.	**Chair Lawson-Remer**

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1 **Public Hearing** **Action**	*****OPEN PUBLIC HEARING***** **Annual Financial Report Audit for FY 2025 - 26** Supporting Documents The Commission is asked to approve the audited annual financial report for FY 2025 - 26. *****CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING*****	**Executive Director Arguilez**
2 **Action**	**Approval of the Revised Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operating Budget and Contract Amendments for the FY 2026-27 First 5 First Steps Home Visiting Contracts** Supporting Documents The Commission is asked to approve the CalWORKs Home Visiting program and CFWB funding augmentation for the FY2026-27 First 5 First Steps Home Visiting Program and approve amendments to the applicable contracts.	**Executive Director Arguilez**
3 **Action**	**2025-2030 Evaluation Framework** Supporting Documents The Commission is asked to review and approve the 2025-2030 Evaluation Framework that identifies indicators that will be regularly monitored to measure progress toward reaching the goals and strategies outlined in the areas of Health, Learning Family and Community.	**Executive Director Arguilez** **&** **Nicole Bracy Harder+Co**
4 **Information**	**Finance Committee Report** Supporting Document This is a standing agenda item report on the Finance Committee's activities.	**Finance Committee Chair Ricardo Macedo**
5 **Presentation**	**LearnWell Initiative Program Update** Supporting Document The Commission will receive a presentation on the LearnWell Initiative and the impacts of the recent funding reduction for FY2026-27, as well as a discussion of program evaluation conducted by WestEd.	**Rita Palet** **Executive Director Early Education and Program Services** **SDCOE** **&** **Eunice Munro** **Director, Early Education and Program Services** **SDCOE**

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6 **Information**	**Strategic Planning Implementation Update** Supporting Document The Commission will receive an update related to the development of the implementation plan for the Strategic Plan for 2025-2030.	**Executive Director Arguilez**
7 **Information**	**Executive Director Report** Supporting Documents This is a standing agenda item report from the Executive Director.	**Executive Director Arguilez**
8	**Future Agenda Items** • Annual Report FY 2025-26 • Finance Committee Appointments • Presentation on Joint Model Home Visiting	**Chair Lawson-Remer**

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The next Commission meeting will be on December 1st, 2026.

Copies of the Commission meeting agenda are provided at all meetings. Support and background documents for the agenda items are available on the Commission's website.

C	**Non-Agenda eComments Received** The attached are public eComments received by the Commission related to the current agenda.	**Chair Lawson-Remer**

Public Hearing **1 Action**	**Annual Financial Report Audit for FY 2025-26** (comments limited to **three** minutes per speaker) Supporting Documents **Overview:** The Health and Safety Code requires local commissions to conduct an annual, independent financial audit to provide the State and public with a detailed financial picture of the Commission's fiscal activities. The Health and Safety Code requires local commissions to hold a public hearing on the audit. The FY 2025-26 audit for First 5 San Diego was performed by the CPA firm of Moss, Levy & Hartzheim. The audit report concluded that there were no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported, and they did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that they consider to be material weaknesses. The Finance Committee reviewed the draft audit report at its October 13, 2026, meeting and approved the staff recommendation to forward the audit to the Commission for acceptance. **Action:** 1) Open Public Hearing. 2) Report from the Finance Committee Chair. 3) Receive public comments. 4) Approve the First 5 Commission of San Diego Audit for FY 2025 - 26. 5) Authorize the Executive Director to submit the audited Annual Financial Report to First 5 California and the California State Controller. 6) Close Public Hearing. **Fiscal Impact:** The Health and Safety Code grants First 5 California the authority to withhold funding from any county commission that fails to conduct and submit an annual fiscal audit **Attachment:** 1) Item 1-1 Annual Financial Report FY 2025-26 2) Item 1-2 GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting	**Executive Director Arguilez & Chair of the Finance Committee Ricardo Macedo**

2 **Action**	**Approval of the Revised Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operating Budget and Contract Amendment for the FY 2026-27 First 5 First Steps Home Visiting Contracts** Supporting Documents **Overview:** The Commission is asked to approve the CalWORKs and CFWB funding augmentation for the FY2026-27 First 5 First Steps Home Visiting Program and approve amendments to the applicable contracts. **Item 2-1,** dated July 15, 2026, reflects an augmentation in funding to the CalWORKs Home Visiting Program in the amount of $**784,453.** Additionally, in support of model fidelity, training and technical assistance required for the home visiting centralized intake team at Child and Family Wellbeing, the American Academy of Pediatrics Home Visiting Coordination Contract #543149 will be enhanced to include this added scope. Additional funding in the amount of **$25,949** is to be added. This funding will be allocated across all five (5) home visiting contracts outlined below**.** **Staff Recommendations:** 1) Find that the proposed revised FY 2026-27 Operating Budget (**Item 2-1**) funding allocations are consistent with the Commission's Strategic plan, further the support and improvement of early care and education throughout the County and provide a public benefit. 2) Approve the revised FY 2026-27 Operating Budget (**Item 2-1**). 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to execute contract amendments to increase funding for the five (5) contracts listed as follows:	**Executive Director Arguilez**

Contract Number	Organization	Total Amended Amount
575193	Home Start, Inc.	$2,058,426
575187	Palomar Health Development, Inc	$1,459,728
575189	SAY San Diego, Inc	$1,730,136
575191	SBCS	$1,393,452
543149	AAP Home Visiting Coordination	$785,760
	Total	**$ 7,427,502**

Fiscal Impact:

1) Up to **$31,190,589** will be approved for operations and programs for the FY2026-27 fiscal year.
2) Approve receipt of additional revenue in the amount of **$784,453** from CDSS for CalWORKs HV program.
3) Approve receipt of additional revenue in the amount of **$25,949** from CFWB to the American Academy of Pediatrics Home Visiting Coordination Contract.

Attachments:

1) Item 2-1 Revised FY 2026-27 Operating Budget
2) Item 2-2 CDSS County Fiscal Letter 7.15.26

3 **Action**	**FY 2025-2030 Evaluation Framework** Supporting Documents **Overview:** The Commission is asked to review and approve the FY 2025-2030 Evaluation Framework that identifies indicators that will be regularly monitored to measure progress toward reaching the strategic plan goals and strategies in the priority areas of Health, Learning Family and Community. **Staff Recommendation:** 1) Approve the FY 2025-2030 Evaluation Framework. **Fiscal Impact:** No fiscal impact **Attachments:** 1) Item 3-1 Evaluation Framework Presentation 2) Item 3-2 FY 2025-2030 Evaluation Framework	**Executive Director Arguilez & Nicole Bracy Harder+Co**

4 Information	**Finance Committee Report** Supporting Document This is a standing agenda item report of the Finance Committee's activities. **Overview:** The Finance Committee met on October 13, 2026, to review the final draft audited Annual Financial Report (AFR) for FY 2025 – 26 and approved it to be presented to the Commission. The current Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2026, Item 5-1 was presented and discussed by the committee. **Staff Recommendation:** 1) Receive the Committee report and Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2026. **Fiscal Impact:** None. **Attachments:** 1) Item 4-1 Balance sheet as of 8/31/26.	**Chair of the Finance Committee Ricardo Macedo**

5 **Presentation**	**LearnWell Initiative Program Update** Supporting Documents **Overview:** The Commission will receive a presentation on the Learn Well Initiative and the impact of the recent funding reduction for FY2026-27, as well as a discussion of program evaluation conducted by WestEd. **Staff Recommendation:** None. **Fiscal Impact:** None. **Attachments:** 1) Item 5-1 LearnWell Overview Presentation 2) Item 5-2 LearnWell Annual Report FY 25-26	**Rita Palet** **Executive Director** **Early Education and Program Services** **SDCOE** **&** **Eunice Munro** **Director, Early Education and Program Services** **SDCOE**

6 **Information**	**Strategic Planning Implementation Update** Supporting Document **Overview:** The Commission will receive an update related to the development of the implementation plan (plan) for the Strategic Plan for 2025-2030. The purpose of the development of the plan is key to strategic planning efforts. Strategic planning must be followed by implementation planning, aka "action planning," to identify the actions required to fulfill new goals and strategies. Implementation planning is the process through which "plans on paper" come to life through creating a "step-by-step" guide to advance goals and strategies to achieve our stated vision for those we serve. Community workgroup members provided input and supported the development of the plan. The plan as presented reflects the action steps per goal area, as well as who is responsible for its completion and partner(s) as identified and the timeline to complete this action step. Updates on progress towards achieving the action steps outlined will be presented to the Commission as part of the required annual Strategic Plan review in the fall of 2027. **Staff Recommendation:** 1) Commission to provide feedback related to the implementation plan. **Fiscal Impact:** None. **Attachments:** 1) Item 6-1 Implementation Action Plan	**Executive Director Arguilez**

7 **Information**	**Executive Director Report** Supporting Documents This is a standing agenda item report of the Commission's activities. **Overview:** The Commission will be given an update on the activities of the First 5 Commission. A written status report on Commission activities is provided. **Staff Recommendation:** None. **Fiscal Impact:** None. **Attachments:** 1) Item 7-1 Staff Report 2) Item 7-2 AAP FY 25-26 Annual Report 3) Item 7-3 CDSS County Fiscal Letter 4) Item 7-4 SDQPI Year 5 Final Report 5) Item 7-5 NACo Achievement Award 6) Item 7-6 First 5 Association Editorial 7) Item 7-7 Choose Children Policy Platform 8) Item 7-8 SDHSA Updated Expenditure Plan 9) Item 7-9 Healthy Steps Summit Flyer 10) Item 7-10 F5 SoCal Input to Wraparound Immediate Needs Program	**Executive Director Arguilez**

8	**Future Agenda Items** • Annual Report FY 2025-26 • Finance Committee Appointments • Presentation on Joint Home Visiting Model	**Chair Lawson-Remer**