FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO
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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2026

Members Present:
Ricardo Macedo, Chair
Charissa Japlit, Vice Chair
Julie Bjerke
RC Kinzly

Members Absent:
Tracy Drager

Staff Present:
Alethea Arguilez, Executive Director
Fortune Cheng, Fiscal Manager
Karen Hays, Exec Secretary

Public Present:
Steve Bernstein

1. **Call to Order**
   Chair Macedo called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 9:07am.

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 March 23, 2026.**
   ON MOTION OF Member Kinzly, seconded by Member Bjerke, the Committee approved the meeting minutes from April 27, 2026.

AYES:	**Macedo, Japlit, Bjerke, Kinzly**
ABSENT:	**Drager**
ABSTAIN:	**None**
NOES:	**None**

5. **Commission Financials Approval**
   The Committee was asked to review and approve the Commission Financials consisting of the Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2026, and the 3rd quarter Statement of Revenues & Expenditures, including the Budget Projections for FY 2025-26.

   ON MOTION OF Vice Chair Japlit, seconded by Member Kinzly, the Committee approved Commission Financials consisting of the Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2026, and the 3rd quarter Statement of Revenues & Expenditures, including the Budget Projections for FY 2025-26.

AYES:	**Macedo, Japlit, Bjerke, Kinzly**
ABSENT:	**Drager**
ABSTAIN:	**None**
NOES:	**None**

6. **Finance Committee Membership Recruitment**
   The Committee discussed the At Large member vacancy and recruitment. One potential candidate presented was Steve Bernstein, Executive Vice President / Regional Manager at the Banc of California. He has an extensive background in finance and has served on a variety of nonprofit boards in San Diego County.

7. **Executive Director Report**
   Executive Director Arguilez provided an update on the following issues affecting the Commission:
   - Shared background on Measure B – the San Diego Health and Safety Act. The Commission took a position to support this Measure at the last mtg held on April 16, 2026.Shoud this pass in November, 22% of the funds would be allocated to the Commission to support Childcare and Healthy Development Services for children ages 0 to 5 years.
   - Shared insights for the FY 26/27 reductions and impacts on programs such as LearnWell and our community outreach fund, as well as a 2nd year of support from the Dr. Seuss Foundation to expand our Talk Read Sing parent education campaign.
   - In the fall of 2026, the platform that will allow for us to bill for prevention services is set to launch. That is pending confirmation from CDSS. This is in support of our home visiting program.

8. **Future Agenda Items**
   - FY 2025-26 independent CPA Audit approval
   - Report on FY 2025-26 yea-end actual expenses and revenues

9. **Adjournment**
   Chair Ricardo Macedo adjourned the meeting at 10:09am to reconvene on September 24, 2026 at 9:00am.

Notes by Karen Hays