

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2022
Meeting location: Zoom Online

Commission Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervisor Josh Pedrozo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yvonna Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Genevieve Valentine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Salvador Sandoval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eva de Long
<input type="checkbox"/> Shirley Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aaron Lequia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paula Smith	<input type="checkbox"/> Cindee Dibblee	

Staff Present: Scott Waite, Tom Ebersole, Marie Pickney, Xee Lor, and Frank Contreras-Garcia.

Guests: Amy Avery, Deepal Chhanganlal, Ismael, Amy Taylor, Nancy Ortiz, Corbin Farias.

Call to Order

Commissioner Josh Pedrozo called the Commission Meeting to order at 3:06 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Tom Ebersole, Merced County Counsel.

Attendance results noted above; a quorum was present.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Public Opportunity to Speak on Any Matter within the Commission's

Jurisdiction

Members of the public were invited to come forward to speak. There were none on email, chat, or Zoom.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

There were no additions/deletions to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2022-02-062 Approval of Minutes for January 10, 2021 Commission Meeting

2022-02-063 Approval of Expenditures through January 31, 2022

2022-02-064 Re-Authorize Remote (Tele-Conference/Video-Conference) Meetings

Commissioner Yvonnia Brown moved to approve Items #2022-02-062 through #2022-01-064.

Motion seconded by: Commissioner Genevieve Valentine. The motion was unanimously passed with 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

REGULAR CALENDAR:

Public Hearing

2022-02-065 Public Hearing for FY 2021 First 5 Annual Report

Scott Waite, First 5 Merced Executive Director, outlined the public hearing for FY 2021 First 5 Annual Report.

Public hearing opened at 3:13 PM.

Public hearing closed at 3:16 PM.

Pedrozo expressed his appreciation for multi-lingual books available to the community who otherwise may not speak English. He encourages the Commission read over the annual report because it provides information on what First 5 Merced is focused on. Pedrozo liked that the report shows objects and the measurable outcomes.

Pedrozo asked for questions and comments from the Commission. There were none.

Pedrozo asked for questions and comments from the public. There were none.

Commissioner Dr. Salvador Sandoval moved to approve Items #2022-02-065.

Motion seconded by: Commissioner Paula Smith. The motion was unanimously passed with 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Action Items

2022-02-066 Merced County Library – No-Cost Contract Extension

Waite went over the Merced County Library – No-Cost contract extension.

Pedrozo asked for questions and comments from the Commission. There were none.

Pedrozo asked for questions and comments from the public. There were none.

Commissioner Eva de Long moved to approve Items #2022-02-066.

Motion seconded by: Commissioner Genevieve Valentine. The motion was unanimously passed with 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

2022-02-067 Week of the Young Child 2022

Waite outlined the increase of the funding for the Week of the Young Child 2022 event in Merced County.

Pedrozo asked for questions and comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Eva de Long commented that since prices for beef and poultry have risen, she is not surprised that prices for other things have also increased. De Long agrees with the increase in the budget for Week of the Young Child (WOTYC) 2022.

Pedrozo agrees with the increase of the budget for WOTYC 2022. Pedrozo would also like the Commission to work with their connections to help support the event and offset some of the expenses.

Commissioner Dr. Salvador Sandoval asked where the events in Merced and Los Banos will be held.

Waite replied that the events will be held at Applegate Park in Merced and Pacheco Park in Los Banos.

Pedrozo asked for questions and comments from the public. There were none.

Commissioner Eva de Long moved to approve Items #2022-02-067.

Motion seconded by: Commissioner Dr. Salvador Sandoval. The motion was unanimously passed with 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

2022-02-068 First 5 Merced County Evaluation Plan - Update

Waite went over the updates to the First 5 Merced County Evaluation Plan.

Pedrozo asked for questions and comments from the Commission. There were none.

Pedrozo asked for questions and comments from the public. There were none.

Commissioner Yvonna Brown moved to approve Items #2022-02-068.

Motion seconded by: Commissioner Dr. Salvador Sandoval. The motion was unanimously passed with 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Informational Agenda Items:

Staff Report: February 2022

Waite highlighted the February 2022 Staff Report.

Pedrozo inquired about advertising The Dolly Parton Imagination Library on Community Communication through Radio Merced.

Waite responded that First 5 Merced has advertised through Community Communication before to promote Hands on Heroes so he will connect with Radio Merced to possibly advertise The Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Commissioners Report

Dr. Sandoval reported that BHRS will be addressing Merced school superintendents around stress for youth in schools during the pandemic.

Dr. Sandoval reported that there will be an update on the mask recommendation. The change occurring after February 15, 2022 is that vaccinated individuals will not have to wear masks indoors, but masks are still strongly recommended for crowded places due to the highly contagious variance. Masking is still required in health care facilities. The state mask recommendations have gone back to the pre-December 15th recommendations. Dr. Sandoval also reported that hospitals are improving in their number of hospitalizations, ICU admitting, and deaths.

Commissioner Eva de Long reported that she is a volunteer for Valley Onward which is a pediatric vaccination clinic in Merced County. She will be conducting educational activities with the children (Kindergarten to 6th grade) while they are waiting for their 15 minutes after the vaccine shot. She will be working with Livingston Community Health and other health organizations in the county and covering Delhi, South Dos

Palos, and Gustine. Pedrozo asked de Long to provide information to the Commissioners for an opportunity to get involved in the event. De Long will send the information to First 5 Merced to disseminate to the other Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on:

March 14, 2022 at 3:00 PM

**Location: ZOOM online (unless otherwise stated by State of California
COVID-19 Guidance on Group Meetings)**