

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**APRIL 25, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Community Meeting Room
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Miriam Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present:

Members: Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, Vice Chair Danitza Pantoja, and Commissioners David Govea, Michael Remenih, and Olivia Robledo (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)

Staff: City Clerk Elena G. Chávez and Deputy City Clerk Miriam Gutierrez

PRESENTATION

A) INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER – DAVID GOVEA

Commissioner Govea introduced himself and stated he was born and raised in the City of San Fernando and attended local schools, is a ten-year veteran teacher, and is very passionate about education and excited about this opportunity.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Remenih

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Remenih, seconded by Commissioner Robledo, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

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Mayor Ballin praised the Commissioners for a wonderful job and expressed her appreciation.

Mireya Mejia, US Postal Service Federal Credit Union representative, thanked Commissioners, staff, and volunteers for supporting the Bite of Reality event.

COMMISSION MATTERS

1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Vice Chair Pantoja, seconded by Commissioner Remenih, to approve the minutes. By consensus, the motion carried with the following vote:

AYES:	Pantoja, Remenih, Robledo, Zobel-Rodriguez – 4
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Govea – 1
ABSENT:	None

2) UPDATE REGARDING U.S. POSTAL SERVICE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION EVENT – “BITE OF REALITY” INTERACTIVE SIMULATION OF REAL-LIFE MONEY CHALLENGES FOR GRADES 8-12 OFFERED THROUGH THE RICHARD MYLES JOHNSON FOUNDATION

Commissioners each shared their comments regarding the event. No formal action was taken.

3) DISCUSSION REGARDING ELIAS RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

City Clerk Chávez provided an update regarding the number of applications received and will distribute them into the Commissioners’ Dropboxes by the end of the week.

Chair Zobel–Rodriguez announced there was an additional \$1,000 contributed to the memorial scholarship fund from the Rickey Gelb Scholarship Fund and she requested that staff verify whether recipients need to provide social security numbers.

Discussion ensued but no formal action was taken.

4) DISCUSSION REGARDING GABRIEL FERNANDEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Motion by Commissioner Govea, seconded by Commissioner Remenih, to award the following recipients the Gabriel Fernandez Scholarship (\$1,000 award from ICFA): GF5, GF11, GF15. By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Remenih, to use \$1,500 (originally allocated for the PSA scholarship) in combination with \$2,000 allotted from the

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Latino Water Coalition (totaling \$3,500) and award \$1,000 to essay No.'s 25, 27 and award \$500 to essays 14, 16, and 20. By consensus, the motion carried.

5) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2ND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY:

Discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- a. Contacting Scholarship Recipients
- b. Scholarship Reception Evening Update
 - i. Food
 - ii. Contacting School Board Member's Office for Certificates
 - iii. Attendees/Invitees
 - iv. Budget
 - v. Program
- c. Press Release

In response to questions from Commissioners, Interim City Manager Nick Kimball suggested they refer any contributors (making monetary donations) to City Hall and the Finance Department will provide them with a receipt.

By general consensus, Commissioners agreed to hold a special meeting on May 9th.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Govea thanked Commissioners and is honored to be here.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

None

ADJOURNMENT (8:41 p.m.)

Motion by Vice Chair Pantoja, seconded by Commissioner Remenih, to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of April 25, 2017 meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

*Miriam Gutierrez
Deputy City Clerk*