

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**AUGUST 28, 2018 – 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 Ferrel called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Present:

Members: Chair David Govea, Vice Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, and
Commissioners Michael Remenih and Olivia Robledo

Staff: Deputy City Clerk Miriam Ferrel

Absent: Commissioner Veronica Pacheco

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Remenih

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Remenih, seconded by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Mayor Sylvia Ballin announced that she sent a letter thanking Senator McCain, wants to participate in Voter Registration Day on September 25, and is contributing \$500 of her own money to the “Why Not Me” Scholarship.

COMMISSION MATTERS

- 1) PRESENTATION BY PARENT ENGAGEMENT MANAGER MAX VALADEZ (PUC SCHOOLS PARENTS CENTER)

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PUC Schools Parents Center Engagement Manager Max Valadez introduced Coordinator Stephanie Gomez and both gave an overview of the Parents Center's goals and talked about the services available to their students and the community.

Discussion ensued, but no formal action was taken.

2) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2018 – SPECIAL MEETING

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

3) DISCUSSION REGARDING STUDENT OF THE MONTH PRESENTATION AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Chair Govea proposed to recognize students (attending local schools or residents of San Fernando) with a certificate at City Council meetings and distributed a draft outline suggesting some ideas regarding the Student of the Month process.

Commissioner Robledo volunteered to visit businesses in the City and ask for donations to reward the Student of the Month.

By consensus, they agreed to create an Ad Hoc (Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez and Commissioner Remenih) to review nomination forms and communicate with school staff.

4) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2019 SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS, APPLICATIONS, AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Commissioners discussed the criteria for the Why Not You scholarship. By consensus they agreed that the Why Not You applicant must submit an essay, and be a high school senior with a grade point average lower than a 3.0.

Mayor Ballin announced she is contributing \$500 from her Community Investment Funds to be distributed between the Gabriel Fernandez Memorial Scholarship and Elias Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship (i.e., \$250 each).

Discussion ensued amongst Commissioners as Chair Govea made various changes to the applications.

No formal action taken.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Remenih volunteered to make the students' poster for the awards ceremony.

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Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez also volunteered to help the Commission whether she's re-appointed after the election.

Chair Govea announced there is a new principal at Cesar Chavez Social Justice Academy and Jennie Rosenbaum reached out to him regarding ideas for potential fundraising at local restaurants.

Commissioner Robledo thanked Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez for arranging the schools' presentation.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Deputy City Clerk Ferrel wished all a happy Labor Day weekend.

ADJOURNMENT (8:05 p.m.)

Motion by Commissioner Remenih, seconded by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, 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 August 28, 2018 meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

*Miriam Ferrel
Deputy City Clerk*