

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**JANUARY 12, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
SPECIAL 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 6:06 p.m.

Present:

Members: Commissioners Danitza Pantoja, Michael Remenih, Olivia Robledo, and
Angel Zobel-Rodriguez

Staff: Deputy City Clerk Miriam Gutierrez

Absent: Commissioner Yvonne G. Mejia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Robledo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Remenih, seconded by Commissioner Pantoja, to approve the agenda.
By consensus, the agenda was approved.

PRESENTATION

a) DISTRIBUTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS

Vice Mayor Sylvia Ballin announced that she would like to donate \$1,000 (from her share of the Republic Services Community Investment Fund) to the Education Commission. A brief discussion ensued on how to disburse the funds, but no final action was taken.

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

None

COMMISSION MATTERS

1) REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING

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

2) DISCUSSION REGARDING METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT “WATER IS LIFE” ART CONTEST FOR STUDENTS

Commissioners received copies of Metropolitan Water District (MWD) calendars which displayed artwork submitted by California school children. As City liaison to MWD, Vice Mayor Ballin talked briefly about MWD’s art contest and suggested that perhaps the Commission could select two members to meet with MWD representatives to get more information on the “Water is Life” art contest and how we could involve San Fernando students.

By consensus, Commissioners Pantoja and Remenih were appointed to an Ad Hoc Committee to meet with MWD representatives.

3) UPDATE REGARDING SCHOLARSHIPS AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Deputy City Clerk Gutierrez gave an update regarding how the City will handle the checks from the Latino Water Coalition (i.e., the City will deposit the check and re-issue it to the scholarship recipients). She also reported that the City Attorney’s office recommended that an Ad Hoc Committee be created to review the scholarship applications (instead of holding a Closed Session with all members which would most likely not be permissible under California law).

During this discussion, Vice Mayor Ballin clarified, for the record, that Councilmembers will not have access to the essays.

Discussion ensued and Commissioners each provided feedback and comments.

By consensus, they agreed that an Ad Hoc Committee (members will be determined later) will review the applications and report back to the full Commission with their recommendations.

4) NOMINATION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Motion by Commissioner Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Robledo, to table the nomination for the next meeting when all five members are present. By consensus, the motion was approved.

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COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Remenih expressed concern regarding the wording on the Gabriel Fernandez Scholarship flyer (he believes it's a little too graphic) and perhaps something to take another look at next year.

Commissioner Zobel-Rodriguez talked about the recent Los Angeles Unified School District school shut down and said that preparation was something we need to think about. She may attend the City's Disaster Council meeting to learn about the City's preparedness plan.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Deputy City Clerk Gutierrez reported that the Commission's next regular meeting will be on February 23, 2016. If they would like to hold a special meeting before then, please let staff know.

ADJOURNMENT (6:52 P.M.)

Motion by Commissioner 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 January 12, 2016 meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

*Miriam Gutierrez
Deputy City Clerk*