

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**MARCH 29, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

City Clerk Elena G. Chávez called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present:

Members: Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, Vice Chair Danitza Pantoja, and Commissioners Yvonne G. Mejia, Michael Remenih, and Olivia Robledo

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Remenih

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Councilmember Ballin informed the commissioners that Irene Tovar expeditiously needs the draft letter of support regarding the California University Impaction Plan. She also announced that a small group (Valley Women Against Donald Trump) are organizing a rally.

COMMISSION MATTERS

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING

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

- 2) REVIEW OF THE DRAFT LETTER OF SUPPORT (PREPARED BY EDUCATION COMMISSIONERS PANTOJA AND MEJIA) REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY IMPACTION PLAN AND ITS AFFECTS ON OUR CITY'S RESIDENTS AND OTHER DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

Motion by Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Remenih, that the letter (currently being drafted by City Manager Brian Saeki) include a contingency regarding “birth through forever in educational aspects”, and the Commission would like to see the letter. By consensus, the motion carried

- 3) CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AND THE NEXT STEPS OF THE PROCESS

Motion by Commissioner Remenih, seconded by Vice Chair Pantoja, that the \$4,000 be divided into eight scholarships for Gabriel Fernandez Scholarship (i.e., two \$1,000, two \$500, and four awards for \$250). By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mejia, seconded by Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, to approve that the minutes from February 23, 2016 reflect that the two public service announcement submissions were approved as award winners. By consensus, the motion was approved.

Motion by Commissioner Mejia, seconded by Commissioner Remenih, to award the following recipients the Gabriel Fernandez Scholarship: \$1,000 for No.s G25 and G33, \$500 for No.s G26 and G46, \$250 for No.s G42, G50, G19, and G5. By consensus, the motion carried.

- 4) CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE USE OF FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 EDUCATION COMMISSION FUNDS AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS

Motion by Commissioner Mejia, seconded by Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, to create Ad Hoc Committees in preparation for the awards ceremony. The first Ad Hoc Committee (Chair Zobel-Rodriguez and Commissioner Remenih) will work with staff to notify all students regarding the status of their scholarship applications, as well as work on an attendee list for the event. The second Ad Hoc Committee (Vice Chair Pantoja and Commissioner Mejia) will look into a date, securing a location, and catering possibilities. The final Ad Hoc Committee will develop the program (Commissioner Robledo who may reach out to another Commissioner if necessary). By consensus, the motion carried.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Remenih remarked that the event is going to be interesting with all the winners in attendance.

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Commissioner Mejia recommended that perhaps after the awards ceremony, adding a debriefing item on a future agenda to go over the scholarship process and awards ceremony and how we could improve upon everything.

In response to Commissioner Robledo's question, Commissioner Mejia suggested that the remaining monies budgeted for the Commission could be earmarked for a mixer with school officials (this could also be discussed at an upcoming meeting).

Chair Zobel-Rodriguez announced that L.A.U.S.D.'s District Northwest had a forum at Reseda High School; schools were invited to talk about the great things they were doing (another forum is scheduled for the fall). She will be meeting with L.A.U.S.D. Board Member Monica Ratliff regarding the need for Magnet schools in this area. She also wants to make sure that the Commission is heavily involved in the School Choice/Magnet process in the fall.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Clerk Chávez reminded Commissioners to contact staff if they want to add items for the next special meeting on April 19, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT (8:30 P.M.)

Motion by Commissioner Mejia, 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 March 29, 2016 meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

*Miriam Gutierrez
Deputy City Clerk*