

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING**

City Hall Council Chambers
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, Ca 91340

Teleconference Per Governor Executive Order N-29-20

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present:

Members: Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, Vice Chair David Govea (via teleconference),
Commissioners Suzanne Llamas, Nicole Mohr, and Olivia Robledo

Staff: Recreation and Community Services Director, Julian Venegas, Community
Services Supervisor, Juan Salas, and Recreation Leader, Daisy Veronica

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Nicole Mohr

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, to approve the agenda with the following correction: Student of the Month Agenda Report (Item “a”) should read: “Discuss the nominee for the **March 2022** student of the month”. By consensus, the motion carried.

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

No public comments

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1) DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF THE MARCH 2022 STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Commissioner Mohr attended the presentation for February's Student of the Month at yesterday's City Council meeting.

Commissioner Govea reported that nine nominations were received March including some middle school nominations. The theme is "Artistic and Creative". The two nominees are: Ariana Silva, a middle school student from San Fernando Institute of Applied Media and Nicholas Flores, a high school student from Social Justice.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr , seconded by Commissioner Robledo, to award the two nominees, Ariana from San Fernando Institute of Applied Media, and Nicholas from Social Justice, as the March 2022 Students of the Month award recipients to be presented at the March 21, 2022, City Council meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

Commissioner Mohr reported that she is accepting donations for gift cards for the selected students. Vice Chair Govea will be presenting the March 2022 Student of the Month awards to two recipients at the March 21, 2022, City Council meeting.

The April applications will be going out soon. The theme for April is "Resilience". The May and June Student of the Month will have the theme of "Academic Achievement" .

2) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2021-2022 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND RELATED MATTERS

J. Venegas discussed the number of scholarship applications that were received. Two scholarships did not receive submissions. The Commission was asked to provide direction regarding the two scholarships that did not receive submissions. One option is to extend the submission deadline or to repurpose those funds. The Commission discussed options including extending the submission deadline on various scholarships.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, to accept the submitted scholarship applications with an extended deadline for the Republic Services Scholarship to March 21, 2022.

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Roll Call Vote:

Chair Zobel-Rodriguez: Yes

Vice-Chair Govea: Yes

Commissioner Llamas

Commissioner Mohr: Yes

Commissioner Robledo: Abstain

Discussion ensued on procedures pertaining to staff reviewing essays for eligibility, presentation to the Commission and the process of Ad Hoc Committees scoring the essays.

Eligibility criteria for high school and college students was discussed in detail. Staff will provide slate of candidates to the Commission prior to next Education Commission Meeting on March 29th.

J. Venegas provided updated information the avail award funding. The current balance is \$6560.00. Funds for the Republic Services and Gerry's Kids scholarships will be submitted separately. The Commission will discuss the award funds in greater detail at the next Commission meeting.

The awards ceremony will follow the recommendations set forth by L.A. County. It is expected to that the ceremony will be an in-person event. The projected date will be in late May. Chair Zobel-Rodriguez recommends May 17 or May 24 in the evening. The Commission prefers to hold the event on May 24. The location is to be determined. Staff will look at possible sites and make some recommendations at the next meeting.

Once winners have been selected, the winners are notified, a photo with a biography of each winner is forwarded to administration for social media, the Commission will prepare a press release and forward to staff, light snacks will be served, decorations are set up at the venue, a "save the date" email will be sent to each winner, and verification documents may be requested.

3) REVIEW OF DONATION LETTER

The City Council recommends the donation letter be rewritten to provide more clarity regarding what the ask is. The Council had some specific questions about the program and procedures. Council's direction is to formalize and standardize the process. The updated donation letter will go back to Council for approval. Staff will provide a draft letter to the Ad Hoc for review and input.

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4) TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Commissioner Mohr provided an update on this item. The certificate and gift card are ready for the selected teacher. Mayor Mendoza will be part of the presentation which is planned to be a surprise visit to the teacher's classroom.

GENERAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Robledo shared that San Fernando High School Marching Band is raising money for uniforms. Donations can be made by accessing the link on the school website.

Commissioner Mohr was contacted by the Rotary of Greater Van Nuys seeking to recruit people for the pageant of the arts.

Vice-Chair Govea reported that LAUSD has lifted the outdoor mask mandate.

Chair Zobel-Rodriguez thanked the Commission and staff.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

J. Salas, Community Services Supervisor, informed the Commission that in-person programming is now operating at 97%. This includes a pilot program for the Senior Billiards program and an upcoming overnight camping activity made possible by NPCA.

J. Veneges announced the Mind, Body and Soul Health Fair scheduled on Saturday, March 26th at Las Palmas Park. This is a free event that is part of a series of health programs scheduled to make a comeback. Other programs now in session include Folklorico, Live Jazz, Total Body Conditioning, Zumba, Cycling and Yoga. The Veterans Recognition Program is offering an opportunity to honor veterans with a banner displayed in the City. Coming up, is the One-mile Run along with Dia de Los Muertos and the Summer Camp program. The Covid Vaccination and Testing Site is still operating at Recreation Park Tuesday through Saturday.

Recreation Park will experience street closures for about two months beginning in February due to gas line repairs. In addition, the water infiltration project designed to capture storm water will begin in April and will impact programming at Recreation Park.

Staff thanked the Commission for promoting the TBC teen program. The TBC group will work a tree planting event in March and the Spring Jamboree in April. Flyers will be sent to the Commission.

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ADJOURNMENT (8:41 p.m.)

Motion was made by Commissioner Llamas, seconded by 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 February 23, 2022, meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

Linda Bowden-Moreno
RCS Administrative Assistant