

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**March 29, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.  
REGULAR 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 6:07 p.m.

Present:

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

Staff: Recreation and Community Services Director, Julian Venegas, Community Services Supervisor, Juan Salas, RCS Executive Assistant, Maria Calleros and Administrative Assistant, Linda Bowden-Moreno

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Vice Chair David Govea

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

LAUSD Community of Schools Administrator, Eduardo Solorzano, provided an update on the new protocols regarding use of masks which are now optional, with the exception of preschools which are still required to enforce use of masks. Other updates were provided regarding Covid-19 testing site locations, vaccination outreach, device connectivity support for families, FAFSA

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information, and summer programs. All updates and information is available on the LAUSD website.

Nick Vairo with North Valley Family YMCA, located in Porter Ranch, provided an update on activities that are now available for the community. The YMCA is committed to bringing programming to the City of San Fernando. One activity that is coming up is a camping activity in Big Bear that is open to teens. The Model UN program is open to junior high and high school students to provide tools for growth and development.

Commissioners had questions regarding costs for the summer programs, scholarship opportunities, outreach, and transportation issues for our local students.

Commissioners thanked and recognized the YMCA for all they do to support the local community including the Thanksgiving gift basket program.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

No public comments

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1) REQUEST TO APPROVE SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR:

a. January 25, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Motion made by Vice Chair Govea, seconded by Commissioner Mohr, to approve the consent calendar. By consensus, the motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

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

Vice Chair Govea provided an update on this item. March was a very successful Student of the Month with a significant number of applications received.

This month's two winners are: Samuel Jimenez, who attends San Fernando Institute of Applied Media, and Social Justice Humanitas Academy student, Sandra Rodriguez.

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Motion made by Commissioner Llamas, seconded by Commissioner Mohr, to accept the two nominees, Samuel Jimenez and Sandra Rodriguez, for April's Student of the Month award. By consensus, the motion carried.

The presentation will held at the April 18<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.

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

Chair Zobel-Rodriguez thanked liaisons, donors, commissioners, school leaders and students for their efforts and contributions to this program.

The Commission reviewed the master tally sheet and the individual essays, discussed the rankings, and selected the winners. By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Commissioner Robledo, to award the Nursing and Healthcare Scholarship to NHC-04 in the amount of \$1000.00. By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Vice Chair Govea, seconded by Commissioner Robledo, to award the Republic Services Scholarship to RS-02 in the amount of \$1000.00. By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Robledo, seconded by Vice Chair Govea, to award the Gerry's Kids Scholarship to GK-04 in the amount of \$1250.00. By consensus, the motion carried. Commissioner Mohr abstained.

Motion by Commissioner Llamas, seconded by Vice Chair Govea, to award the Unheard Voices Scholarship to UV-04 in the amount of \$250.00. By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Mohr, to award the Gabriel Fernandez Scholarship to GF-20, GF-24, GF-26 the amount of \$300.00 each. By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Llamas, seconded by Commissioner Robledo, to award the Elias Rodriguez Scholarship to ER-19 in the amount of \$500.00. By consensus, the motion carried.

The Commission decided on holding the awards ceremony on May 24<sup>th</sup> at Rudy Ortega Park.

The Scholarship Ad Hoc will discuss the planning of the event in further detail.

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### **3) TEACHER SPOTLIGHT**

Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, Commissioner Mohr and Mayor Mary Mendoza presented the award to Ms. Levinson at a surprise visit at her classroom. It was a great way to recognize Ms. Levinson's commitment and hard work. Commissioner Mohr shared a video of the presentation. The video will be shared with the City Council at an upcoming meeting.

### **GENERAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Llamas commented on the great programs and activities promoted on the City website.

Commissioner Robledo commented on how smoothly the essay scoring went since all Commissioners had a chance to read all the essays.

Commissioner Robledo shared that the Cesar Chavez Commemorative Committee held an educative event at the Cesar Chavez monument. Hopefully the Commission can be involved in more Cesar Chavez events in the future.

Commissioner Mohr is happy to see a partnership with the Y and would like to see more affordable programming for this community. She had questions regarding volunteer opportunities for teens. She would take her students on a walking tour at the Cesar Chavez memorial if one becomes available.

Vice Chair Govea thanked Commissioner Llamas for suggesting that all the essays are read by all Commissioners.

Chair Zobel-Rodriguez commented that new schools applied for the scholarships this year which was nice to see.

### **STAFF COMMUNICATION**

J. Salas reported that there are currently 30 participants in the TBC program and provided an update on the activities and programs the group is involved with.

Tree People will have a fruit tree give away on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Pioneer Park.

The Elderly Nutrition Program will be returning to Las Palmas Park in July or August.

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Staff invited the Commission to the Spring Jamboree scheduled to occur at Las Palmas Park on Saturday, April 16, 2022.

J. Venegas informed the Commission of the upcoming water infiltration project at Recreation Park which will take a year to complete.

The Fourth of July event will be held on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the SF Mall and feature a laser show.

Staff requests that Commissioners use their City email to correspond with regards to City business.

**ADJOURNMENT (8:16 p.m.)**

Motion was made by Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Chair Govea, to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.