

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**February 27, 2024 – 4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair David Govea called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Present:

Members: Chair David Govea, Vice Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, Commissioner Nicole Mohr, and Commissioner Laurel Rodriguez

Staff: Recreation and Community Services Director, Julio Salcedo, Community Services Supervisor, Juan Salas, and RCS Executive Assistant, Maria Calleros

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair David Govea

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

SFPD Detective Jorge Cervantes spoke about the San Fernando Parent Academy. This academy started a year ago by San Fernando Police Chief Fabian Valdez. Detective Cervantes gave a brief, yet detailed background on the academy and the sessions that are offered. Sessions are once a month or per school request. The academy is currently being held at Santa Rosa De Lima Catholic School and San Fernando Institute of Applied Media. The program is in the process of completing an MOU with Cesar Chavez Learning Academies. Detective Cervantes also gave a

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brief rundown of the topics discussed during sessions such as social media safety, healthy boundaries, and positive home environment.

Chair Govea opened the floor for any questions and comments.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

No public statements.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a. January 30, 2024

Motion made by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve the consent calendar. By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

2) Discussion and Selection of the March Student of the Month

Motion made by Chair Govea, seconded by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, to award Melissa, an 8th grader from San Fernando Middle School, and Geraldine, a senior from ArTES High School, as the March students of the month. Recipients to be presented at the March 18, 2024 City Council meeting. By consensus the motion carried.

3) Discussion Regarding Staff Workload

Mr. Salas informed the Commissioners that the graduate banner program does not have any relation to the Education Commission. This was confirmed by the City Manager. Mr. Salas is currently working on a chart breaking down staff workload hours. The completed chart will be presented at the March meeting.

Any Commission budget requests for the 2024-2025 fiscal year are due in early April. Mr. Salas presented two options:

1. Add discussion regarding and submitting budget requests for the 2024-2025 fiscal year as a March agenda item.
2. Mr. Salas presents staff workload report at the March meeting. A special meeting is held in the first week of April to discuss and vote on budget requests.

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4) Discussion Regarding the Teacher's Spotlight Program

Chair Govea spoke briefly on the award presented to Alex Reza. Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez received no new nominees for the month. Commissioner Mohr will email out nomination forms. Gift cards awarded to nominees can be purchased from the Commission's \$1,500 budget.

5) Discussion Regarding the Student Scholarship Program

Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez provided an update on essay submissions.

- Jerry's Kids Scholarship - 4
- Elias Rodriguez Scholarship - 14
- Gabriel Fernandez Scholarship - 21
- Environmental Sustainability Scholarship - 2
- Republic Services Cesar Chavez Scholarship - 7
- Unheard Voices Scholarship - 1
- Pahola Mascorro - Why Not You? Scholarship - 5
- Beyond the Bachelor's Scholarship - 6

Chair Govea recused himself from scoring any PUC Triumph Charter High School essays. Commissioner Mohr recused herself from any essays submitted from VISA High School to the Jerry's Kids scholarship. Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez added that she will also recuse herself from the Beyond the Bachelors' scholarship pending confirmation of a submitted essay from a student she knows.

Chair Govea and Commissioner Rodriguez will continue to be the scholarship ceremony AD HOC. They will set up a meeting for the upcoming month to begin planning. Commissioners discussed possible ceremony dates and agreed on Tuesday, May 21st.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES/REQUESTS TO AGENDIZE ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT A FUTURE MEETING

NEW MARCH AGENDA ITEMS:

- April Student of the Month
- Staff Workload with amendment to discuss budget
- Student Scholarship Program

Motion made by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to agendize items to March meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

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Commissioner Rodriguez spoke on adding a new scholarship specifically for students with disabilities. She gave a brief explanation of what this scholarship would provide. Commissioner Mohr expressed support of this idea and recommended that it be agendized for an upcoming meeting.

NEW APRIL AGENDA ITEMS:

- Students with Disabilities Scholarship

Motion made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Mohr to agendize the students with disabilities scholarship to the April meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

RCS Executive Assistant, Maria Calleros shared that the Spring Jamboree will take place next month from 10:00am-1:00pm. Registration is now open for the adult softball and spring coed volleyball leagues. Both will take place at Recreation Park.

Community Services Supervisor, Juan Salas spoke about the Shop Local Pledge. This pledge can be found on the City of San Fernando's website. Those who pledge to shop local will be entered in a \$500.00 drawing. He also provided eligibility details.

At this time, Chair Govea introduced Julio Salcedo, the new Recreation and Community Services Director. Mr. Salcedo briefly shared his professional and personal background.

ADJOURNMENT (5:38 p.m.)