

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**January 30, 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 4:33 p.m.

Present:

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

Staff: Community Services Supervisor, Juan Salas, RCS Executive Assistant, Maria Calleros, and Recreation Park Office Clerk, Tiffany Hernandez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Chair David Govea

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

No presentations.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

No public statements.

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### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- a. January 3, 2024

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

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

Chair Govea announced February's student of the month. Theme is "Kindness".

- Aaliyah is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Gridley Elementary School. She stood up for student with disabilities. Aaliyah also gave her support and informed staff of what was being done to that student.
- Sarahi is a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at Social Justice Humanitas High School. She is selfless, patient with peers, does not judge or say negative words.

Motion made by Chair Govea, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to award Aaliyah and Sarahi with the February student of the month award.

3) Discussion Regarding Staff Workload

Mr. Salas updated Commissioners on the requested 28 additional hours. Commission would need to submit this request during the new fiscal year budgeting in April. The additional 28 hours will not affect the Commission budget.

Commissioner Mohr requested a staff workload analysis with the number of hours allocated to events.

4) Discussion Regarding the Teacher's Spotlight Program

Commissioners will present Alex Reza with an award at the February 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. There are no nominations for the month of January.

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### 5) Discussion Regarding the Student Scholarship Program

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

- Beyond The Bachelors- 1
- Jerry's Kids- 2
- Why Not You?- 1
- Elias Rodriguez- 4
- Gabriel Fernandez- 6
- Unheard Voices- 1
- Environmental Sustainability- 0

Ms. Calleros sent an invoice to Republic and will send an update to Commissioners this week.

Chair Govea was contacted by Commissioner Sylvia Ballin in regards to the Margarita Montanez scholarship. A total of \$1,000 was donated and has been reflected in the account. This amount will be broken down in to two \$500.00 awards. . This scholarship subject is environmental issues such as tree canopy climate change and water conservation. Commissioner Ballin is requesting that it be added to the current scholarship cycle.

Commissioner Mohr suggested that the scholarship be added to next year's cycle in place of Councilmember Joel Fajardo's scholarship. Councilmember Fajardo will most likely not refund his scholarship for the coming year. Commissioners agreed to add the Margarita Montanez scholarship to next year's cycle along with Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza's scholarship.

### 6) Discussion Regarding the Principal's Brunch

At this time, the Commission shared thoughts on the Principal's Brunch. Commissioners also gave suggestions on things to modify for next year's brunch. Ms. Calleros will email copies of exit tickets to Commissioners. Commissioner Robledo requested a count of how many schools attended and how many did not attend. Commissioner Mohr shared some of the principal's feedback from the exit tickets and also spoke about possible key note speakers.

## **NEW AGENDA ITEMS**

- Parent Academy-inviting San Fernando Police Chief Fabian Valdez to speak
- Student of the Month
- Staff Workload
- Student Scholarship Program
- Teacher Spotlight

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**GENERAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez suggested inviting Police Chief Fabian Valdez to speak about Parent Academy at the next meeting.

Motion made by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to invite Police Chief Fabian Valdez. By consensus, the motion carried. By consensus, the motion carried.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Services Supervisor, Juan Salas shared information on the graduate banner program. Applications are now available at City Hall, Las Palmas, and Recreation Park.

**ADJOURNMENT (5:47 p.m.)**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of January 30, 2024, meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

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Maria Calleros  
Executive Assistant