

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**January 31, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Nicole Mohr called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Present:

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Vice Chair David Govea

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

Board Representative, Maria Flores, on behalf of LAUSD School Board President, Kelly Gonez, gave a brief update on district restructuring and other topics. The district is restructuring to better support students and families. There are currently 2 local valley districts, local North East and local North West. These two are now combined as Region North lead by David Baca. Ms. Flores provided a link for more information on the merge. Ms. Flores also encourage all to view

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the strategic plan for budget tracker. This budget tracker was put out by the district for easy access for teachers and families to view how LAUSD money is spent. This tracker was created to ensure strategic plan goals are met. Lastly, Ms. Flores provided a flier for the 5th annual LAUSD art contest.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

No public statements.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a. December 27, 2022

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

2) Discussion and Selection of the February 2023 Student of the Month

Commissioner Govea shared the two nominees for February's theme, Kindness/Caring (Allies). The first nominee is Brianna Herrejon. Brianna is an 8th grader at Nueva Esperanza Charter Academy. She applies her expertise on a daily basis to help students and classmates succeed. She also tutors small groups in any subject, especially math. Brianna is very kind, patient, and sympathetic to all different learners in her cohort.

The second nominee is Nathan Garcia. Nathan is a 10th grader at Social Justice Humanitas Academy. He is a mentor and his kindness is felt throughout the school. Last year, Nathan published a story that discussed the loss of his brother. He seizes every opportunity to make a positive impact in peoples' lives.

Commissioner Govea will present certificates to the two nominees at the February 21st City Council meeting.

3) Discussion Regarding the Principals' Brunch

Commissioners reviewed the brunch exit tickets and shared their thoughts and suggestions for future brunches. Some suggestions included extending speaking time, principal speakers, and

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other resources to include in principals folders. Leftover swag bags will be delivered by commissioners to the principals that did not come to the brunch.

Chair Mohr requested to keep brunch item on agenda for February meeting to further discuss ideas and budget.

4) Discussion Regarding Student Scholarship Program

Mr. Venegas updated the commission on the status of scholarship money from Republic. Mr. Venegas has been actively sending emails to Republic requesting funds but has not received any response. Chair Mohr suggested Mayor Celeste Rodriguez to reach out to Republic for requisitioned money. Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez added that the city attorney should also reach out to Republic. Mr. Venegas informed the commission that an invoice has been sent to Republic.

Chair Mohr requested that a clean PDF of the donation letter be sent out. Mr. Venegas added that the donation letter needs to be physically signed by all commissioners. Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez updated the commissioners on the number of eligible applicants each scholarship has received.

- Environmental Studies-1
- Unheard Voices-0
- Future Filmmakers-1
- Eli Rodriguez-4
- Jerry's Kids-2
- Pahola Mascorro-Why Not You?-2
- Gabriel Fernandez-5

Chair Mohr will recuse herself from judging and grading of any Unheard Voices submissions if her son submits an essay for the scholarship.

GENERAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No commissioner comments

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Community Services Supervisor Salas shared information on the Technology Workshop at Las Palmas Park. Two LAUSD representatives assisted participants and staff on how to navigate Parent Portal. The March workshop will target charter school parents. Chair Mohr and Commissioner Govea volunteered to assist with the March workshop. The Veteran Recognition

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Program is now accepting applications. Banner price is \$170.00 with a \$10.00 discount if application is submitted before February. The San Fernando resident Scholarship program also applies to this fee. Banner re-hang from the previous year is \$30.00. Mr. Salas also added that the Gold Star program honors deceased veterans from 1990 and on with a free banner. Mr. Salas also shared his thoughts and suggestions on the principals' brunch.

Executive Assistant Calleros also shared her thoughts and suggestions on the Principals' Brunch. She will be reaching out to principals with monthly resources. Karate, tennis, baseball, soccer, and football clinics are now open for registration.

Director Venegas provided an update on park renovations. The Layne Park groundbreaking has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 18th. The Las Palmas renovation project community engagement phase will have various pop-ups and focus groups. These focus groups will be talking with consultants on what the project will look like. Mr. Venegas will provide more information on meeting dates.

ADJOURNMENT (5:45 p.m.)

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of January 31, 2023, meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

Maria Calleros
Executive Assistant