

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**February 28, 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 4:32 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 Commissioner David Govea

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Commissioner Govea, seconded by Commissioner Robledo, to approve the agenda. 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 31, 2023

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 2023 Student of the Month

Commissioner Govea shared the two nominees for March's theme, Creative/Artistic. The first nominee is Alison C. She is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at PUC Nueva Esperanza Charter Academy and is a part of ASB and Girls Who Code. She has helped ASB with fundraising and promoting events and is currently building a 3D printer. Alison is a positive and creative leader, a great teacher and encourages others to express their ideas.

The second nominee is Ashley S. She is an 11<sup>th</sup> grader from Social Justice Humanitas Academy. Ashley meets with a group of 15 students each week and goes over different mediums of art. She is currently applying for the Summer Institute of Science and Art Lab session at UCLA. On top of that, she also applied for the USC Bovard Program earlier this year. Ashley is a remarkable student and loves to empower, support and inspire students around her.

Commissioner Govea will present certificates to the two nominees at the March 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. He will also email out the April awardee nomination form.

3) Discussion Regarding the Principals' Brunch

Commissioners reviewed and discussed all items purchased for the principal's brunch. Chair Mohr informed the commission that \$443.00 was spent out of the \$750.00 allocated budget. She also suggested a principal's social hour event in the fall. The commission will financially plan based on aftermath of scholarship ceremony.

This social hour will be held during a commission meeting in either September or October. Principals will be invited to speak during public comment and share any videos. The commission is aiming for September or October. Chair Mohr requested discussion to reschedule the October 31<sup>st</sup> commission meeting to Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> be agendaized. Further details will be discussed in June.

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### 4) Discussion Regarding Student Scholarship Program

Mr. Venegas informed the commission that Republic submitted payment for last year's scholarship. This payment of \$1,000 has not yet been posted. The current scholarship balance is \$5,535 which does not include the \$1,000 from Republic. Commissioner Govea asked if the commission can cover the \$1,000 promised from Republic for the current 2023 scholarship year. Mr. Venegas will request funds prior and send an invoice to Republic once a student has been selected. Mrs. Calleros will prepare the March invoice.

Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez updated the commission on scholarship submissions.

- Gabriel Fernandez- 17
- Pahola Mascorro/Why Not You?- 3
- Gerry's Kids- 5
- Elias Rodriguez- 15
- Unheard Voices- 1
- Future Filmmakers- 4
- Environmental Sustainability- 2
- Republic- 0

Mr. Venegas added that he received a couple of submissions for Republic thru the commission email. This is due to a link not being available for Republic essay submissions. He sent the guidelines and link to those individuals. The commission will rerelease a link for Republic. Chair Mohr motioned to extend the deadline to Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez and Commissioner Govea will send the Republic link to Mrs. Calleros to be forwarded to Julie Duarte to post on the city's social media.

Chair Mohr will recuse herself from judging and grading of any Unheard Voices and Gerry's Kids submissions due to her son's essay submissions. Commissioner Govea will also recuse himself from judging and grading any essays submitted from PUC Triumph Charter High School.

Mr. Venegas will review all essay submissions for eligibility and will prepare a packet no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 5) Discussion Regarding the Graduate Recognition Program

Mr. Salas presented the commission with information on the Graduate Recognition Program. This program will be honoring the graduating class of 2023 with banners throughout the city and run side by side with the Veteran Recognition banners. The graduate banners will be placed on double bracket light posts along Truman Street. Banner cost are currently being worked on and the resident scholarship will not apply to this fee. The city of San Fernando will cover the design price and set up by Public Works. Banner requirements are:

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- School name
- City of San Fernando resident
- Photo of honoree
- Utility bill with city of San Fernando address
- Must be graduating in Spring 2023
- High school or university Senior

The deadline for application submission and required documents is Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The estimate turn-around time between deadline and put-up is 6 weeks. Mr. Salas is currently working on a digital application and updated brochure. He will keep the commission updated on the recognition program as more details develop.

### **GENERAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Robledo shared information on the Cesar Chavez March for Justice. The march is taking place on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at Pacoima Charter Elementary and ending at Ritchie Valens Park. She also shared that CSUN is hosting a Giving Day on March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>. She encouraged all to visit the CSUN website to make a donation to the university.

Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez commented that she is very content on the scholarship social media coverage.

Chair Mohr thanked Mrs. Hernandez for the pictures from the Principal's Brunch and asked that she forward all photos to the rest of the commissioners.

### **STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Executive Assistant Calleros shared that the Spring Jamboree will be taking place at Las Palmas Park on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm. There will be an egg hunt for kids beginning at 10:45am. This event is open and free to all.

Mrs. Hernandez shared information on Mission City Baseball Spring League opening day. Opening day is scheduled for Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm. There will be a team parade starting and ending at Las Palmas Park. There will be food, treats, and other activities along with an exhibition game.

Community Services Supervisor, Juan Salas shared that Las Palmas hosted the final tech workshop for the month of February. Each workshop had an average of 15 participants per class. There will be a computer lab every Tuesday in March from 9am-11am. This lab is open to all those that want to learn how to navigate technology. A charter school technology workshop is set to begin in April thru May. Mr. Salas announced the Teens for a Better Community

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program is returning. The first TBC meeting is on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Applications for Counselors In Training (CIT) program will be available in May. This program is available for ages 14-17.

Recreation and Community Services Director, Julian Venegas announced that the city was awarded a grant that was applied for in 2019. This grant will be used to send kids to camp. This camp is in partnership with YMCA and UCLA Omni-Camp. The camping trip consists of a two day stay in the San Bernardino Mountains. This camp is free and open to kids ages 10-17 who live in the city of San Fernando. Mr. Venegas added that a \$50.00 refundable deposit is required to ensure those who sign up complete the camp. This refund will be issued when the kids return from camp. All paperwork and notifications are currently being worked on.

**ADJOURNMENT (5:46 p.m.)**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of February 28, 2023, meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

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Maria Calleros  
Executive Assistant