

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**March 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 4:37 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, and RCS Executive Assistant, Maria Calleros

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Vice Chair Commissioner David Govea

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Robledo, seconded by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, 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. February 28, 2023

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Commissioner Govea informed the commission that there is no student of the month for the month of April. He will be pushing for the final student of the month nominations in May. Chair Mohr added that she would like to push for teacher spotlight for the month of May and will send out that form next week.

3) Discussion Regarding Student Scholarship Program

At this time the commission discussed merits of all scholarship categories. The commission unanimously decided on the following recipients:

- Gerry's Kids- GK04-\$1,250
Alternate- GK05
- Republic Services Cesar Chavez Scholarship- RSCC06- \$1,000
Alternate- RSCCS05
- Future Filmmakers- FF01- \$1,000
Alternate- FF04
- Pahola Mascorro- Why Not You?- PMWNY01-\$500
- Unheard Voices- UV01- \$500
- Environmental Sustainability- ES02- \$500
Alternate- ES01
- Gabriel Fernandez- GF16- \$300
GF17- \$300
- Elias Rodriguez- ER13- \$500
ER09- \$250
ER08- \$250

Chair Mohr motioned to reconsider the vote for Gabriel Fernandez in order to award ES13 the highest scholarship amount of \$500. All commissioners voted in favor awarding the runner up,

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GF17 the \$300 scholarship amount. Chair Mohr motioned to award \$500 to ER13, seconded by Commissioner Robledo.

The commission discussed a date and time for the scholarship ceremony. Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez recommended Tuesday, May 23rd at the Rudy Ortega Park Tea House. The commission agreed to keep to the regularly scheduled commission meeting on Tuesday, May 30th to debrief. Chair Mohr motioned that the AD HOC for the scholarship award celebration be assigned to Commissioner Govea and Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez. By consensus, the motion carried. Other details were discussed at this time such as; colors, press release and media coverage. AD HOC decisions will be discussed in the weeks to come.

4) Discussion Regarding the Graduate Recognition Program

Mr. Venegas presented the commission with a sample banner application. He reviewed banner requirements and fees. All applications will be submitted to Juan Salas by April 1st or April 3rd. Mr. Venegas also added that a digital form is currently in the works as well as online payment on MyRec.

Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez asked Mr. Venegas if college grad students are eligible for this program. He recommended that the program be open to high school and college seniors only. However, if a demand is made for grad students, the request will be revisited next posting cycle. The commission discussed banner layout details and also suggested that a copy of parent or student legal ID be included upon application submission.

GENERAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Rodriguez commented on the scholarship essays. She expressed that it provided a glimpse into students' lives and the effects of COVID.

Commissioner Govea commented on the LAUSD labor negotiation strike that occurred this month. He expressed that it was great to see LAUSD and SEIU come to an agreement.

Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez thanked Mrs. Calleros and staff on organizing the scholarship essays. She also requested to add the teacher spotlight to the April agenda.

Chair Mohr gave a public thank you to all students that applied. She encouraged students to keep trying and to refine their essay skills. She also added that CSUN and Los Angeles Mission College offer scholarships to incoming students.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Executive Assistant Calleros shared that Let's Talk Trees Growing in the Urban Village event will be taking place at IBW Union Hall in San Fernando on Wednesday, March 29th at 1pm. There

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will also be a second event hosted at San Fernando Rec Park on Saturday, April 1st from 11am-12pm. Both events are sponsored by Tree People, Cal Fire, and the City of San Fernando. She also shared that the Spring Jamboree will be taking place on Saturday, April 8th from 10am-1pm at Las Palmas Park. Registration is now open for youth basketball set to begin in June. Adult basketball league is back starting this Wednesday at Rec. Park. The summer day camp program will be taking place from June 20th-August 11th. The CIT program is now taking applications. The CIT program is for youth that have aged out of summer camp (ages 14-17). Those who are interested are encouraged to call Rec. Park for more information.

Recreation and Community Services Director, Julian Venegas shared information on the Vet in the Park event. This event partnered with L.A. County Animal Care, will be taking place on Sunday, May 7th from 9am-1pm at Rudy Ortega Park. This event is open to all and will be providing free exams for pets along with flea cleaning, deworming, license renewal, and free microchipping. Mr. Venegas also updated the commission on the Nature Discovery Camp. A flier now available and will start promoting next month.

ADJOURNMENT (6:47 p.m.)

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

Maria Calleros
Executive Assistant