

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**April 25, 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 motioned to re-open meeting at 4:44pm due to technical difficulties. Originally called 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, and RCS Executive Assistant, Maria Calleros

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Vice Chair Commissioner David Govea

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

Maria Flores, representative for LAUSD School Board President, Kelly Gonez, provided brief updates. Maria will share digital fliers with the commission with information on universal pre-k as soon as it becomes available. LAUSD will be hosting a community event partnering up with the regional center on April 27th, 6pm-8pm. This event will be providing resources for students

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to help them plan out what comes after high school. LAUSD is also working with Facilities Department on cool green spaces for schools in the valley. Maria will share all links and fliers along with summer school updates with the commission.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

No public statements.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a. March 28, 2023

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Commissioner Govea announced the winners for the final student of the month. May's theme is Academic Achievements. The awardees are as follows:

- Fabian P., is a 5th grader at O'Melveny Elementary. He is kind hearted, motivated, and goes above and beyond. His perseverance has shown that hard work and dedication pays off.
- Fatima A., is a 9th grader at CCLA Social Justice Humanitas. She is an exceptional student. She is currently enrolled in 7 classes in addition to the community college classes she attends after school. Fatima is constantly seeking a challenge and inspires her teacher to look for more opportunities to help students grow.

Commissioner Govea motioned to accept both students as the May nominees. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez. By consensus, the motion carried.

Mr. Venegas informed the commission that both students will be recognized at the May 15th city council meeting. He also requested student bios be sent to staff.

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3) Discussion Regarding Student Scholarship Program

Scholarship ceremony AD HOC and support staff provided updates on ceremony planning. Mrs. Calleros sent certified letters to all scholarship winners along with follow-up emails. She has received 3 responses and will send out another follow-up email to students and principals. Chair Mohr shared that she would like to invite the Daily News and the San Fernando Sun newspaper. Chair Mohr requested that ceremony photos be featured in the city's manager report along with a blurb if no press comes to the ceremony.

Commissioner Govea updated the Commission on ceremony planning. He discussed color scheme, decorations, and menu. There will be an adjustment made to the ceremony program listing the Gabriel Fernandez scholarship first. He also spoke about the order of special guest speeches. Ceremony AD HOC will be meeting again in the next week or two to continue planning.

4) Discussion Regarding the Graduate Recognition Program

Mr. Salas provided the Commission with 2 drafts. He is working with the husband of Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez on designs. Mr. Salas shared updates on colors, school logos and all other banner changes. He currently has 5 completed applications and 15 inquiries. Application deadline is this week. At this time he does not have a map of banner placement. He will share map information when available. Mr. Salas is currently working on the veteran recognition program. Chair Mohr suggested that the veterans program run from Veteran's Day to Memorial Day in 2024.

5) Discussion Regarding the Teacher's Spotlight Program

Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez presented the 2 nominees that will be honored in either May or June. The 1st nominee is Kathyryne Pena from CCLA-Technology Prep Academy. The 2nd nominee is Ashley Ruiz from Nueva Esperanza Charter Academy. At this time the commission discussed when to recognize nominees and in what order. Mr. Venegas informed the commission that there are currently 4-5 presentations scheduled for the May City Council meeting. Mr. Venegas presented other possible City Council meeting dates. Commissioner Govea recommended that both nominees be recognized at the June 5th meeting.

Chair Mohr motioned that both be honored during the summer based on availability. Vice chair Zobel-Rodriguez seconded the motion. By consensus, the motion carried.

GENERAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

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Commissioner Govea thanked the Recreation and Community Services Department staff for their support.

Chair Mohr shared that the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network LA Chapter is hosting a free prom this upcoming Saturday for those who cannot afford to attend their own prom. This is also open to those who feel they cannot wear what suits their identity or partners. She also shared that she attended the outdoor night market which was well attended. She would like to agendaize a brief discussion on the principal's non-alcoholic happy hour for next month's meeting.

At this time Mr. Venegas informed Chair Mohr of the new process for agendaizing items. A commissioner presents the item, a discussion is held, and a vote is taken. City council is currently working on a guide and will be released when completed. Mrs. Calleros added that future agenda items require a month's notice. At this time, Chair Mohr motioned to discuss in May, a fall principal's event. Commissioner Rodriguez seconded the motion to approve the agenda item. She also made a second motion to agendaize adding future agenda items to the list of items. Commissioner Govea seconded the motion. By consensus, the motion carried for both items.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

RCS Executive Assistant, Maria Calleros, announced the Vet in the Park event that will be held on Sunday, May 7th from 9am-1pm at Rudy Ortega Jr. Park. There will be free vaccines, veterinary examinations, microchips, flea medication, pet food, and deworming. Anyone interested can scan the QR code on the flier to schedule an appointment. Cyndy's Mixed Line Dance classes are back in session. Classes are held every Thursday at 10am at Recreation Park. On Saturday, May 27th, Las Palmas will be hosting a free stroke health fair provided by Providence Holy Cross from 8am-12pm. Registration for summer day camp and youth summer basketball league is currently open.

Community Services Supervisor, Juan Salas, added that the camp runs from June 20th thru August 11th. San Fernando residents who qualify for the resident scholarship can apply the 50% discount to camp registration fee. Mr. Salas shared information on the Senior Expo taking place on May 19th at Las Palmas Park. There will be free food, entertainment, music, and a dance party following the expo. The American Legion Post 176 will be hosting a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 29th at 1pm. Lunch and music will be provided along with special guest speakers. Senator Caroline Menjivar, who is also a veteran, will be in attendance. Movies in the park begin in July along with concerts in the park returning this summer. Mr. Salas will share information and fliers when available. Technology workshops will resume in May and will be targeting charter schools. Mr. Salas will also share that flier with the commission when available.

Meeting recessed due to technical difficulties at 5:30pm.

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Meeting resumed at 5:31pm.

Recreation and Community Services Director, Julian Venegas, gave a brief update on park renovations. Parks are currently in construction phase. Construction is estimated to be complete in late June. Las Palmas Park project is in community outreach and design phase. The next community outreach meeting will be held on May 27th. Pioneer Park's playground is in review and a proposal has been submitted.

ADJOURNMENT (5:39 p.m.)

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of April 25, 2023, meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

Maria Calleros
Executive Assistant