

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**May 30, 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 Olivia Robledo, and Commissioner Laurel Rodriguez

Absent: Commissioner David Govea

Chair Nicole Mohr motioned to excuse Commissioner Govea's absence. All in favor.

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 Olivia Robledo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations.

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

No public statements.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

a. April 25, 2023

April meeting minutes tabled and will be presented at the next commission meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1) Discussion Regarding Student Scholarship Program

Commissioners discussed the scholarship ceremony and shared what went well, what needs work, and next steps.

All commissioners thanked support staff for their work and enjoyed all speakers and expressed appreciation to City Council. Chair Mohr spoke about the scholarship essay expectation structure. She also added that Mayor Celeste Rodriguez requested a group photo that showcases the community's impact.

Commissioners shared what needed work. Commissioner Rodriguez suggested making a special effort to include San Fernando and Sylmar High School along with on campus outreach. Commissioner Robledo suggested doing some outreach at local high school college centers. Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez read a statement on behalf of Commissioner Govea regarding his thoughts on what needs improvement. He suggested earlier access to Rudy Ortega Jr. Park, use the media more effectively, and making sure the park is maintained prior to the event. Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez suggested that the ceremony programs be proof read. She also said that she would like to see the scholarship event announced in the city's manager report. She also shared with Commissioners that in the last 8 years, a total of \$57,000 of scholarship money has been awarded to students.

Chair Mohr would like to have translation services available. She also requested that the scholarship financial spreadsheet be updated. Mr. Venegas will provide that update at next months meeting and informed the Commission that all checks have a 6 month grace period. After 6 months, the city starts reaching out to winners. Chair Mohr would like to reach out to college counselors in September inviting them to the October commission meeting. She added that she would like to plan a mixer inviting principals and college counselors. Commissioners also discussed setting up an invite only Zoom event for past and present scholarship recipients.

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NEW AGENDA ITEMS

- Principal's Hors D'Oeuvres/Appetizer Hour- Motion made by Chair Mohr, seconded by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, to add new agenda item. By consensus, the motion carried.
- Scholarship Follow Up- Motion made by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Chair Mohr, to add new agenda item. By consensus, the motion carried.

GENERAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Robledo congratulated her niece on graduating from Cal Poly.

Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez congratulated all graduates and expressed gratitude to support staff.

Chair Mohr wished everyone a Happy Pride Month. She also shared that this Thursday, the city of San Fernando will be raising the pride flag at 9:00am. She expressed how proud she is of the city for celebrating inclusivity.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Community Services Supervisor, Juan Salas, shared that 10 graduate recognition banners have been put up with 1 in progress. Banners can be seen from the San Fernando Mall thru Wolfskill and San Fernando Mission. He added that 43 veteran banners have also been put up. ACE administration is interested in working with the city to promote their students. Chair Mohr suggested that he email admin for budget planning purposes. CIT applications are currently being accepted. Applications can be found on the City's website and at Las Palmas. The application deadline is June 2nd and there are a total of 25 spaces available.

RCS Executive Assistant, Maria Calleros shared that summer camp applications are currently being accepted. Camp is an 8 week program starting on June 20th. Registration can be done online or in person. She also shared that the resident scholarship program is available until funds run out. Movies in the park returns July 21st at Las Palmas Park. Pioneer Park will be showcasing Lilo & Stitch on July 28th and The Jungle book on August 4th at Las Palmas from 6pm-10pm. The Lopez Adobe tour guides that has been adjusted to the night marked schedule.

Recreation and Community Services Director, Julian Venegas, informed the Commission that applications for the YMCA and UCLA camping in the mountains are currently being accepted. He

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also shared that the veteran recognition ceremony went well hosting a total of 240 veterans and family and friends.

ADJOURNMENT (5:23 p.m.)

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of May 30, 2023, meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

Maria Calleros
Executive Assistant