

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**September 26, 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 David Govea, Vice Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, Commissioner Olivia Robledo, Commissioner Nicole Mohr

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

Absent: Commissioner Laurel Rodriguez

Let the record note that Commissioner Rodriguez arrived at 4:37pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Chair David Govea

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Chair Govea, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried. At this time, Chair Govea motioned to prioritize agenda item #5. By consensus, the motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

No presentations.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Sylvia Ballin, in partnership with City of San Fernando Metropolitan Water Board representative Adan Ortega, announced the Margarita Montanez Inspirational Scholarship. The Montanez

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family will discuss if the scholarship should be broken up in to two \$500.00 awards or one \$1,000 scholarship.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- a. August 29, 2023

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

5) Discussion Regarding the City's MOU with LAUSD

Mayor Celeste Rodriguez updated the Commission on the low literacy scores of local schools and discussed the 11 items listed on the City's MOU with LAUSD. Mayor Rodriguez also commented on the challenges at a local high school with gang violence. She added that City of San Fernando Police Chief Fabian Valdez, is currently trying to provide additional support to students and staff at the local high school. Commissioners shared thoughts and recommendations with Mayor Rodriguez. Commissioners would like to see more school crossing guards and a map of the free mini libraries within the City of San Fernando.

Chair Govea met with Superintendent for Local District Northwest, Dr. David Baca, to discuss the MOU and safety issues. Commissioners are invited to join Chair Govea at his next meeting with Dr. Baca. Commissioner Robledo also offered to bring the topic of safe and positive school climate to the commission of human relations.

Commissioner Mohr commented on the low literacy scores of City schools and commented on the importance of putting books in students' hands. She also suggested SFPD open up internships within City schools. Commissioner Mohr stressed the importance of the City of San Fernando promoting E-Choices on its website.

2) Discussion Regarding Student of the Month Nomination, Selection, and Presentation Procedures

Chair Govea announced October's students of the month. October's theme is Responsibility/Ownership.

- Antonio C., is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic School. He is enthusiastic and always ready to learn. His classwork and homework are always completed and he is willing to help others with their classwork.

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- Juan P., is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at San Fernando Institute of Applied Media. Juan is a dedicated student in the classroom. He is not shy about asking clarifying questions and cares about the quality of work he produces. He shows how much he cares by coming during break or lunch time to study or redo his work to improve his grade. Not only is he a dedicated student, he is always willing to help his classmates and helps in the classroom without being asked.

Motion made by Chair Govea, seconded by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, to award Antonio and Juan with the October Student of the Month award. Students will be presented at the October 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Roll Call

AYES:	Govea, Zobel-Rodriguez, Robledo, Mohr, Rodriguez
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

3) Discussion Regarding Student Scholarship Program

Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez will reach out to Councilmember Joel Fajardo in regards to sponsoring the Future Filmmakers scholarship. Mrs. Calleros shared that she made contact with a representative from Republic in regards to their 2023 outstanding donation.

At this time, the commissioners revised the scholarships making any necessary corrections. Scholarship submission deadline is February 23, 2024 at 11:59pm.

Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez announced that she and her family have established a new scholarship tentatively titled, Rodriguez Family Higher Education Scholarship. This \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a post baccalaureate student who currently lives in the City of San Fernando, graduated from a City school, or currently works for the City of San Fernando.

4) Discussion Regarding Principal’s Reception

San Fernando City Manager, Nick Kimball answered questions and provided further direction on the principals’ showcase. Principals’ will be given 5 minutes to present information on their schools.

Motion made by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Chair Govea, to invite City principals to the Education Commission meeting in October, that the meeting in October be held on the 24<sup>th</sup>, and that the Student of the Month, Teacher’s Spotlight and the Principals’ Showcase be the only administrative items on the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Roll Call

AYES:	Govea, Zobel-Rodriguez, Robledo, Mohr, Rodriguez
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

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6) Discussion Regarding the Teacher’s Spotlight Program

Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez will reach out to the 2 nominators in regards to the 2 teachers’ that were selected for the month of April 2023. They will be invited to attend the October 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting for recognition.

**NEW AGENDA ITEMS**

- Principals’ Showcase

**GENERAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

No commissioner comments.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

RCS Executive Assistant, Maria Calleros announced upcoming recreation events. Kidney Quest Health & Wellness Expo will be taking place at Rec. Park on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm. The San Fernando Mile Run and Dia De Los Muertos event will take place on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 11am-5pm. The first run will begin at 8:30am starting at Maclay and 8<sup>th</sup> street.

Services Supervisor, Juan Salas provided brief updates on Teens for a Better Community, the graduate banner and Veteran’s Day recognition programs. TBC will be hosting a meeting at Las Palmas Park on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6pm-7:30pm. Graduate banner program is extended for another month and will be removed sometime in October.

Recreation and Community Services Director, Julian Venegas updated the commission on various park projects. Layne Park grand re-opening will be held on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Recreation Park is now completed and will be open by the end of the year. Mr. Venegas also announced upcoming playground renovation community meetings for Pioneer Park. He also shared that he will be retiring at the end of the year and expressed gratitude to the Commission and staff.

**ADJOURNMENT (5:29 p.m.)**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of September 26, 2023, meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

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Maria Calleros  
Executive Assistant