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## **CITY OF SAN FERNANDO**

### **EDUCATION COMMISSION** **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY** **TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025 – 4:30 PM** **\*REVISED\***

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**117 MACNEIL STREET**  
**SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA 91340**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

### **TELECONFERENCE REQUESTS/DISCLOSURE**

Recommend consideration of requests received for remote teleconference meeting participation made by members of the City's legislative bodies, as permitted under the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 2449, Government Code Section 54953, and the City of San Fernando adopted Resolution No. 8215, effective March 1, 2023.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Vice Chair David Govea

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Recommend that the Education Commission approve the agenda as presented.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF INCOMING EDUCATION COMMISSIONER MARCELA RODRIGUEZ
- B. "FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET CALENDAR" PRESENTED BY ERICA D. MELTON, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
- C. PRESENTATION BY TITUS CAMPOS, LAUSD REGIONAL DIRECTOR
- D. PRESENTATION BY KELLY GONEZ'S OFFICE, LAUSD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

### **DECORUM AND ORDER**

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### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be disposed of by a single motion to adopt staff recommendation. If the Education Commission wishes to discuss any item, it should first be removed from the Consent Calendar.

#### **1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR:**

- a. February 25, 2025

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **2) DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF THE APRIL STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

Recommend that the Education Commission:

- a. Discuss and select student nominee(s) for the April Student of the Month for the theme of “Special Circumstances (Resilience or Perseverance) = Challenges/ Obstacles”.

#### **3) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TEACHER’S SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM**

Recommend that the Education Commission:

- a. Continue to discuss the 2024-2025 Teacher’s Spotlight Program.

#### **4) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PRINCIPAL’S BRUNCH**

Recommend that the Education Commission:

- a. Continue to discuss the 2025 Principal’s Brunch.

#### **5) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Recommend that the Education Commission:

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- a. Continue to discuss the 2024-2025 Student Scholarship Program.

### 6) DISCUSSION REGARDING RECOGNITION OF MISSION CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL'S DECATHLON TEAM

Recommend that the Education Commission:

- a. Discuss recognizing the Mission Continuation High School Decathlon Team.

### STAFF COMMUNICATION

#### COMMISSIONER UPDATES/REQUESTS TO AGENDIZE ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT A FUTURE MEETING

Commissioner(s) may request to agendize an item for discussion at a future meeting, subject to approval by the Commission. Requests should align with the commission's scope of responsibility, adhere to City Council policies, and consider the availability of staff resources and budget constraints.

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting will adjourn to its next regular meeting.

#### AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted on the City Hall bulletin board not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ at: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_

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MINUTES**

**February 25, 2025 – 4:30 P.M.**

City Hall Council Chambers  
117 Macneil Street  
San Fernando, Ca 91340

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members:

Present: Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, Vice Chair David Govea, Commissioner Laurel Rodriguez, and Commissioner Sonia Navarro

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Vice Chair Govea

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

LAUSD School Board Member, Kelly Gonez, provided LAUSD updates. These updates included the new district wide cell phone policy, Spring break academy, safe zone policies, etc. School Board Member Gonez answered questions from the Commissioners such as police presence in schools due to gang activity and the recent student walkouts.

LAUSD Regional Director, Titus Campos, spoke on the principal's brunch, immigration policy, supporting mental health and the new LAUSD cell phone policy. Mr. Campos also provided information on the spring break academy. Mr. Campos will provide an update on table test scores per Commissioner Rodriguez's request at next month's meeting.

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### **PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Emily Carranza, cousin of Gabriel Fernandez, announced that they recently became a 501c3 nonprofit organization and would like to assist in scholarship fundraising.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- a. January 28, 2025

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

2) DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF THE FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

No March nominations.

3) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TEACHER’S SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM

No nominations.

4) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Chair Zobel-Rodriguez provided an update on scholarship essay submissions.

- Gabriel Fernandez Memorial Scholarship- 29
- Elias Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship- 18
- Pahola Mascorro- Why Not You? Scholarship- 1
- Republic Services- Cesar Chavez Scholarship Program- 10
- Gerry’s Kids Scholarship- 4
- Beyond the Bachelor’s Scholarship- 9
- Unheard Voices Scholarship- 1
- Heartbloom Scholarship- 0

Commissioners discussed possibly reopening Why Not You? and Unheard Voices to gain more applicants, along with extending the deadline for Heartbloom. It was decided to Chair Zobel-Rodriguez closed all scholarships, except for Heartbloom. Commissioners voted to keep the Heartbloom scholarship open for an additional 3 weeks. Commissioners discussed the next steps in eligibility and winner selection. Chair Zobel-Rodriguez recused herself from scoring all Beyond the Bachelor’s essays.

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5) DISCUSSION REGARDING PRINCIPALS' BRUNCH

At this time, commissioners reviewed and discussed the exit tickets. Commissioners also shared their thoughts on what was successful and what needs improvement. Vice Chair Govea suggested next year's brunch have a mental health theme.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Recreation and Community Services Supervisor, Juan Salas, presented a power point presentation with announcements that included Mission City baseball spring league opening day, Vita tax clinic, Veteran's banner program, San Fernando Valley mile run and photos from the Pioneer Park grand reopening.

**COMMISSIONER UPDATES/REQUESTS TO AGENDIZE ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT A FUTURE MEETING**

None

**NEW FEBRUARY AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Student of the Month
- Teacher's Spotlight
- Student Scholarship Program
- Principal's Brunch

Motion made by Vice Chair Govea seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez. By consensus, the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT (6:19 p.m.)**

**To:** Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, and Commissioners

**From:** Julio Salcedo, Director of Recreation and Community Services  
Maria Calleros, Executive Assistant

**Date:** March 25, 2025

**Subject:** Discussion and Selection of the April Student of the Month

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Discuss and select student nominee(s) for the April Student of the Month for the theme of “Special Circumstances (Resilience or Perseverance) = Challenges/ Obstacles”.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

1. At the June, 25, 2024 meeting, the Education Commission approved the 2024 – 2025 Student of the Month Program with the following categories:
  - a. September- Positive Attitude
  - b. October- Responsibility/ Ownership
  - c. November- Giving Back
  - d. December/January- Leadership
  - e. February- Kindness/Caring (Allies)
  - f. March- Creative/Artistic
  - g. April- Special Circumstances (Resilience or Perseverance) = Challenges/ Obstacles
  - h. May- Academic Achievement

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with approving this item.

**CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends the Education Commission select the Student of the Month.



**To:** Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez and Education Commissioners

**From:** Julio Salcedo, Director of Recreation and Community Services  
Maria Calleros, Executive Assistant

**Date:** March 25, 2025

**Subject:** Discussion Regarding the Teacher’s Spotlight Program

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Continue to discuss the 2024-2025 Teacher’s Spotlight Program.

**BACKGROUND:**

1. The Teacher’s Spotlight was a program developed by the Commission to recognize inspirational teachers working in San Fernando schools. In July 2020, the first Teacher Spotlight recipient was nominated and awarded during a City Council meeting in September 2020.
2. In November 2022 the Education Commission discussed bringing back the Teacher’s Spotlight Program. It was decided to table the item and discuss at a later date.
3. At the March 2023 meeting, Vice-Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez asked that the item be included on the April agenda.
4. At the April 2023 meeting two teachers were selected. The first was Katheryne Pena from CCLA-Technology Prep Academy and the second teacher was Ashley Ruiz from Nueva Esperanza Charter Academy.
5. The last Teacher Spotlight recipient, Mr. Alex Reza, was selected at the January 3, 2024 Commission meeting. Mr. Reza was honored at the February 20, 2024 City Council meeting.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

There is no budget impact.

**CONCLUSION:**

The Education Commission should continue discussing the Teacher’s Spotlight Program.



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**To:** Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez and Education Commissioners

**From:** Julio Salcedo, Director of Recreation and Community Services  
Maria Calleros, Executive Assistant

**Date:** March 25, 2025

**Subject:** Discussion of Principals' Brunch

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Continue to discuss the 2025 Principals' Brunch.

### **BACKGROUND:**

1. The Education Commission reinstated the Principals' Brunch at the July 2022 meeting.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

The Education Commission has allocated \$750.00 of their budget to go towards the event.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The Education Commission should move forward with planning the Principals' Brunch.

**To:** Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez and Commissioners

**From:** Julio Salcedo, Director of Recreation and Community Services  
Maria Calleros, Executive Assistant

**Date:** March 25, 2025

**Subject:** Discussion Regarding the Student Scholarship Program

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Continue to discuss the 2024-2025 Student Scholarship Program.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

The Annual Student Scholarship Program was established to assist San Fernando youth who are seeking a postsecondary education.

The scholarship program has grown from two scholarships to eight scholarships awarded annually. Scholarships are funded through donations from various donor sources, including, but not limited to current/former Councilmembers, Republic Services and other organizations and individuals.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact with the discussion of this item. Future expenditures are to be determined based on the Education Commissions' direction.

**CONCLUSION:**

It is recommended that the Education Commission continue the discussion regarding the scholarship program.

**To:** Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez and Commissioners

**From:** Julio Salcedo, Director of Recreation and Community Services  
Maria Calleros, Executive Assistant

**Date:** March 25, 2025

**Subject:** Discussion Regarding the Recognition of Mission Continuation High School's Decathlon Team

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Discuss recognizing the Mission Continuation High School Decathlon Team.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

Mission Continuation's Academic Decathlon Team participated, for the first time, in LAUSD's Annual Academic Decathlon Competition in February 2025. Although they did not go on to the state championships, the Decathlon Committee awarded them the Trailblazer Award. In addition, Spectrum One News channel featured the decathlon team, highlighting their dedication and inspirational story.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact with the discussion of this item. Future expenditures are to be determined based on the Education Commissions' direction.

**CONCLUSION:**

It is recommended that the Education Commission discuss recognizing the Mission Continuation High School Decathlon Team.