

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION
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.)