Members Present:  Vicki Bauman, David Cooper, Kathy Harwell (Chair), Mary Ann Lee, Nelly Paredes-Walsborn (Vice Chair), George Skol, Dr. Julie Vaishampayan

Members Absent:  Ignacio Cantu, Jr., Vito Chiesa

Staff Present:  David Jones, Executive Director; Jack Doering, Commission Counsel; Veronica Ascencio, Accountant; Stephanie Loomis, Staff Services Coordinator; Denae Davis, Confidential Assistant IV

1. Chair Harwell called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Commission members, staff, and attendees were introduced and welcomed.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

3. Announcement of Commissioner Recusals – None

4. Public Comment Period – None

5. Consent Calendar
The Consent Calendar was approved.
Motion by Skol, Second by Lee. (7-0)(Chiesa and Cantu absent.)

6. Executive Director’s Office – Please note that items 6A and 6B were presented in reverse order.

A. Conducted a public hearing to consider the acceptance of the Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission 2017-2018 Audit Report prepared by Brown and Armstrong, Certified Public Accountants, and accepted the 2017-2018 Audit Report.

The Commission heard a presentation from Veronica Ascencio on the 2017-2018 Audit Report. Veronica shared the Commission has a clean audit with no findings or recommendations and was found to be in compliance with State code.

The Public Hearing on the audit was opened at 1:33 p.m. by Chair Harwell and, hearing no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 1:34 p.m.

The Commission accepted the 2016-2017 audit report.
Motion by Skol, Second by Cooper. (7-0)(Chiesa and Cantu absent.)
B. Conducted a public hearing on the 2017-2018 Local Annual Report; accepted the 2017-2018 Local Annual Report, and authorized staff to submit the 2017-2018 Local Annual Report to First 5 California.


The Public Hearing on the local annual report was opened at 1:25 p.m. by Chair Harwell and, hearing no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 1:26 p.m.

The Commission accepted the local annual report. *Motion by Paredes-Walsborn, Second by Vaishampayan. (7-0)(Chiesa and Cantu absent.)*

7. Correspondence – None

8. Discussion Items – None

9. Commissioner Reports – None

10. Staff Reports
    • David discussed that the 2019 meeting calendar, Report to Community and 1st quarter financial report will be on the November meeting agenda
    • David will be participating in First 5 Association’s Leadership Training program in 2019. The program is 9 days (broken up into 3 day groups) and will start in March 2019. There will be costs associated with participation including registration and travel.
    • David provided reflections from the FJC stakeholder meeting including a significant projection for increased FJC revenue in 2019-2020 as a result of a County allocation change and passed State legislation.

11. Strategic Direction / Planning
    • Maggie Steakley (GPG) provided an agenda for Strategic Direction and Planning.
    • Steakley and Commissioners participated in reviewing the revised values, goals, and objectives.
    Session Recess – 3:30 p.m.
    Session Resumed – 3:45 p.m.
    • Steakley and Commissioners discussed ways to achieve the goals and objectives, and discussed principles and roles.
    • Audience members were given the opportunity to provide feedback – none given.
    • Commissioners provided feedback and reflected on the strategic planning process.
    • Steakley stated the next steps would be to summarize the notes and continue working through principles, roles, and strategies.
    • The next Steering Committee meeting is on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
    • The next Commission meeting is on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at Sutter Health Education & Conference Center, 1700 McHenry Way, Suite 60-B, Modesto.

12. The Commission meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.