



**Children & Families Commission**  
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**Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 28, 2017**  
**Stanislaus County Office of Education, Board Room**  
**1100 "H" Street, Modesto CA 95354**

**Members Present:** Vicki Bauman, Vito Chiesa, David Cooper, Kathy Harwell (Vice Chair) Denise Hunt, Mary Ann Lee, Nelly Paredes-Walsborn, George Skol (Chair), and Dr. John Walker.

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Stephanie Loomis, Administration, Veronica Ascencio, Accountant, and Jack Doering, Commission Counsel.

Chair Skol called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

- I. Commission members were introduced and attendees were welcomed.
- II. Chair Skol noted Commissioner Walker's upcoming retirement and presented him with a plaque recognizing his nearly 17 years of service to the children and families of Stanislaus County.
- III. Commission members and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Announcement of Commissioner Recusals – None.
- V. Public Comment Period – None.
- VI. Consent Calendar - The Consent Calendar was approved.  
**Moved Cooper, Seconded Harwell. Unanimously approved.**
- VII. Agenda Items
  - A. The Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2017 and March 14, 2017.  
**Approved on the consent calendar. Moved Cooper, Seconded Harwell. Unanimously approved.**
  - B. Executive Director's Office
    - 1. Per Section 130140 of the California Health and Safety Code, the Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission is required to hold a public hearing on the State Commission's Annual Report (which is submitted to the Legislature each January). The report in its entirety can be viewed on the State's website: [www.cfcf.ca.gov/pdf/annual\\_report\\_pdfs/Annual\\_Report\\_15-16](http://www.cfcf.ca.gov/pdf/annual_report_pdfs/Annual_Report_15-16).

The Commission heard a presentation on the State Commission report's contents and format from Stephanie Loomis. The State report highlighted the results for each of the four result areas (Family Functioning, Child Development, Health, and Sustainable Systems) for FY 2015-2016 and summarized the intent and impact made by State Initiatives. Staff compared statistics of local service provided to children and adults to State-wide statistics.

**After the presentation, Chair Skol opened the public hearing at 4:15 p.m. Hearing no other comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 4:16 p.m.**

The Commission took action to accept First 5 California's 2014-2015 Annual Report.  
***Moved Hunt, Seconded Walker. Unanimously approved.***

VIII. Correspondence – ***None***

IX. Commissioner Reports – ***None***

X. Staff Reports

1. Stephanie Loomis provided an overview of the Early Care & Education Conference the Commission held, in partnership with SCOE, on February 25, 2017.

Based on survey results, the conference was well received. Of the 300 people registered, 252 attended (84% attendance) and 86% of those in attendance completed the conference survey.

The surveys showed that the keynote speaker, Angela Russ-Ayon, was relatable, upbeat, and inspiring. Most in attendance found out about the conference through their place of work or received the conference brochure by mail/e-mail. Attendees also suggested future topics for the conference, such as science, brain development, and challenging behavior.

Costs for the conferences in August 2016 and February 2017 were \$7,962 for the Commission and \$8,616 for SCOE. This equals to a total cost of \$33.36 per participant (based on 497 participants) or a Commission only cost of \$16.02 per participant.

Commission staff will meet with SCOE staff to confirm the next topic for the August 26, 2017 Conference.

XI. At 4:28 p.m., the Commission moved into Closed Session.

- A. Public Employee Appointment, Title: Executive Director, Government Code Section: 54957 (b).

VII. The Commission reconvened at 7:03 p.m. and Chair Skol announced no reportable action was taken in the Closed Session. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.