



**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 23, 2023  
Stanislaus County Veteran's Center – Room 114  
3500 Coffee Road, Modesto, CA**

**Commissioners Present:** Ignacio Cantu, Jr., Vito Chiesa, David Cooper (Chair), Dr. Daniel Diep, Christine Huber, Tony Jordan, Mary Ann Lilly-Tengowski (Vice Chair), Dr. Thea Papasozomenos and Nelly Paredes-Walsborn

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Dr. Shameram Karim, Veronica Ascencio, Stephanie Loomis,

**Counsel Present:** Thomas Boze, Sophia Ahmad

1. David Cooper (Chair) called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Commissioners and Staff introduced themselves.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Announcement of Commissioner Recusals – Chair Cooper informed the audience that some Commissioners would be recusing themselves during sections of the contract approval process.
4. Presentation
  - A. Commissioner Ignacio Cantu, Jr. was recognized for his years of service on the Commission and presented with a plaque.
5. Public Comment Period (Limit of 5 minutes per person) – None

**Commissioner Diep joined the meeting at 4:07 p.m.**

6. Consent Calendar
  - Chiesa/Paredes-Walsborn (8,0) approved the Consent Calendar.
  - A. Miscellaneous
    1. Approval of the March 28, 2023, Commission Meeting Minutes
    2. Approval of the May 8, 2023, Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes
      - a. Result Area Contract Report as of March 31, 2023
    3. Approval of the May 11, 2023, Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
    4. Approval of the May 17, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
7. Discussion Items
  - A. Chiesa/Huber(8,0) approved the amendments to the Commission By-Laws.

- B. Chiesa/Huber(8,0) approved the election of Nelly Paredes-Walsborn as Commission Vice-Chair for 2023-2024. (The Vice-Chair will automatically become Chair on September 1, 2024, for a one-year term.)

**Commissioner Jordan joined the meeting at 4:12 p.m.**

- 8. Public Hearings
  - A. Paredes-Walsborn/Diep (9,0) conducted a public hearing on the First 5 California 2021-2022 Annual Report and accepted the First 5 California 2021-2022 Annual Report.
  - B. Cooper/Jordan (9,0) conducted a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, Long Range Financial Plan and Related Actions and approved staff recommendations: numbers 1 through 6 on page 24 of the agenda packet; approved Exhibit B's one year contracts numbers 5 through 9 one-year contract allocation recommendation on page 23 of the agenda packet and authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the contracts.

**Commissioners Cantu and Huber left the meeting at 4:34 p.m.**

- C. Cooper/Chiesa (7,0) approved Exhibit A's DR-FRC contracts numbers 1 through 7 and Exhibit B's one year contract number 1 allocation recommendation on page 23 of the agenda packet and authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the contracts.

**Commissioner Huber returned and Commissioner Jordan left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.**

- D. Cooper/Lilly-Tengowski (7,0) approved Exhibit B's one year contracts number 2 through 4 one-year contract allocation recommendation on page 23 of the agenda packet and authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the contracts.

**Commissioner Jordan returned to the meeting at 4:36 p.m.**

- 9. Correspondence – None
- 10. Commissioner Reports
  - A. Commissioner Paredes-Walsborn shared the ECE Conference held on May 6<sup>th</sup> was well attended. She was happy the conference was fully bilingual and thanked all involved in organizing the event.
  - B. Commissioner Chiesa noted the ECE conference wouldn't be bilingual without Paredes-Walsborn's support.
- 11. Staff Reports – None
- 12. Adjournment at 4:38 p.m.