



**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 28, 2024  
Stanislaus County Office of Education - Board Room  
1100 H Street, Modesto, California 95354**

**Commissioners Present:** Vito Chiesa, David Cooper, Christine Huber, Mary Ann Lilly-Tengowski (Chair), Keri Magee, Dr. Thea Papasozomenos, Nelly Paredes-Walsborn (Vice Chair)

**Commissioners Absent:** Dr. Daniel Diep, Tony Jordan

**Staff Present:** Dr. Shameram Karim, Veronica Ascencio, Sonia Ramirez

**Counsel Present:** Jonathan Lee

1. Commissioner Lilly-Tengowski called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Commissioners and staff introduced themselves.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

**Commissioner Papasozomenos arrived at 4:06 p.m.**

3. Announcement of Commissioner Recusals – Lilly-Tengowski announced that we would have commissioners recuse themselves when we get to the budget component later in the meeting.
4. Public Comment Period (Limit of 5 minutes per person) – None
5. Consent Calendar  
Chiesa/Paredes-Walsborn (7,0) approved Consent Calendar.
  - A. Miscellaneous
    1. Approved the February 27, 2024, Commission Meeting Minutes
    2. Approved the February 28, 2024, Commission Meeting Minutes
    3. Approved the May 13, 2024, Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes
      - a. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024
      - b. Result Areas Report as of March 31, 2024
    4. Approval of May 16, 2024, Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
    5. Approval of May 22, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
    6. Approval to Accept \$100,000 Grant Award from Sunlight Giving 2022 – 2023
    7. Approval to Accept \$100,000 Grant Award from Sunlight Giving 2023 – 2024
6. Discussion Items
  - A. Chiesa/Cooper (7,0) approved the election of Commissioner Huber as Commission Vice Chair effective September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025. The Vice Chair will automatically become Chair on September 1, 2025.

7. Public Hearings

A. Paredes-Walsborn/Magee (7.0) A presentation was provided to the Commission by Annie Zinn from Glen Price Group on the process and conclusion of the strategic plan. A public hearing was conducted, no public comments provided. Commissioners approved the new 2024-2029 Frist 5 Stanislaus Strategic Plan.

B. Chiesa/Cooper (7.0) A public hearing was conducted, no public comment provided. The Commission accepted the First 5 California Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023.

C. Cooper/Chiesa (7.0) A public hearing was conducted with no public comments. The Commission approved the edits to amendments 1, 2, 4,7, 204, 400, 500 of the Policies and Procedures Manual.

D. Chiesa/Paredes-Walsborn (7,0) A public hearing was conducted, no public comment was provided. The Commission approved the fiscal year 2024 – 2025 Budget, Long Range Financial Plan, Related Actions and approved Staff Recommendations.

**Commissioners Huber and Magee recused themselves from the meeting at 4:35 p.m.**

Cooper/ Papasozomenos (5,0) approved Exhibit A's DR-FRC Contracts #1-7, Exhibit B's contract, and recommendation #7 on page 37 of the agenda packet to authorize the ED to negotiation and execute the contracts.

**Commissioners Huber and Magee returned to the meeting at 4:40 p.m.**

8. Correspondence- None

9. Commissioner Reports

A. Commissioner Chiesa expressed his appreciation for Sunlight Giving the past several years, and recommended a letter be written in appreciation for their support over the past few years.

B. Commissioner Huber shared about the CAPC meeting she attended and their focus in strengthening families, concrete supports, and their involvement in referring people to community programs.

C. Commissioner Paredes-Walsborn shared that the guests in attendance were her students whom she invited to witness a Commission Meeting where important community decisions are made to help our community.

10. Staff Reports

A. Executive Director Karim shared that the Potter the Otter Exhibit at the Salida Library will end June 3<sup>rd</sup>. First 5 is sponsoring the Modesto Children's Museum for their Bike & Trike event on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m. The event will begin at the Modesto Childrens Museum and will end at Roosevelt Park. Jasmine Gutierrez starts June 1<sup>st</sup> as our new Staff Services and Marketing Coordinator, Jasmine was present and introduced herself to the Commission. The last ECE conference was held on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the theme was provider appreciation. The presenter was Dr. Mike who provided a bilingual presentation and had the guests engaged.

11. Adjournment at 4:50 p.m.