



**STANISLAUS COUNTY
CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 28, 2025
Stanislaus County Office of Education - Board Room
1100 H Street, Modesto, California 95354**

Commissioners Present: Christine Huber (Chair), David Cooper (Vice-Chair), Nelly Paredes-Walsborn, Tony Jordan, Heather Duvall, Dr. Thea Papasozomenos and Keri Magee

Commissioners Absent: Vito Chiesa and Dr. Daniel Diep

Staff Present: Dr. Shameram Karim, Veronica Ascencio, Jasmine Gutierrez, and Teala Diaz

Counsel Present: Sophia Ahmad

1. Christine Huber (Chair) called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Commissioners, Staff and County Counsel introduced themselves.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Announcement of Commissioner Recusals – No agenda items required recusals
4. Presentation - None
5. Public Comment Period (Limit of 5 minutes per person) – None
6. Consent Calendar – Paredes-Walsborn/Jordan (6,0) approved to add the Item Too Late for the Agenda - Papasozomenos/Cooper (6,0) approved the Consent Calendar including 6.A.6
 - A. Miscellaneous
 1. Approval of the May 27, 2025, Commission Meeting Minutes
 2. Approval of the October 13, 2025, Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes
 - a. Result Area Report as of June 30, 2025
 - b. 4th Quarter Financial Report as of June 30, 2025
 3. Approval of the October 16, 2025, Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
 4. Approval of the October 22, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 5. Approval to Accept \$100,000 Grant Award from Sunlight Giving 2024-2025
 6. Approval to Add an Item Too Late for the Agenda - Approval to Utilize \$100,000 in Sunlight Giving Funds to support Food Insecurity in the County

Commissioner Keri Magee joined the meeting at 4:29 p.m.

7. Discussion Items
 - A. Cooper/Duvall (7,0) approved the Committee and Commission Meeting Dates
 - A. Jordan/Duvall (7,0) approved to Accept the Amendment Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Contract Agreement with Mission Asset Funds for the Childcare Initiative

8. Public Hearing
 - A. Ashely Green from Brown Armstrong provided the Commission a presentation of the 2024-2025 Annual Financial Audit Report.
 - B. Jasmine Gutierrez's provided the Commission a presentation of the 2024-2025 Local Annual Report. Cooper/Paredes-Walsborn (7,0) approved the First 5 Stanislaus 2024-2025 Local Annual Report and authorize staff to submit the report to First 5 California.
9. Commissioner Reports – Commissioner Jordan shared that October is Head Start Awareness Month. He also shared that Merced COE received the North Valley Thrive grant that focuses on training entrepreneurs to become licensed home childcare providers. The coursework for the training will be in person vs. the virtual option through Nurture.
 - Commissioner Duvall shared that WIC is federally funded through November.
 - Commissioner Huber shared information about CalFoods awarding Salvation Army with a grant to support the community with food.
10. Staff Reports – Executive Director Karim provided a thank you gift from everyone to former Chair Nelly Paredes-Walsborn.
11. Adjournment at 5:03 p.m.