



**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 25, 2025  
Stanislaus County Office of Education – Knights Ferry Room  
1100 H Street, Modesto, CA**

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

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Dr. Shameram Karim, Veronica Ascencio, Jasmine Gutierrez

**Counsel Present:** Sophia Ahmad

1. Chair Paredes-Walsborn called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Announcement of Commissioner Recusals – None

**Commissioner Jordan joined the meeting at 4:02 p.m.**

**Commissioner Chiesa joined the meeting at 4:03 p.m.**

4. Presentation
  - A. Commissioner Mary Ann Lilly-Tengowski was recognized for her years of service and retirement from the Commission and was presented with a plaque.

**Commissioner Papasozomenos joined the meeting at 4:08 p.m.**

5. Public Comment Period (Limit of 5 minutes per person) – None
6. Consent Calendar
  - Cooper/Lilly-Tengowski (9/0) Approved the Consent Calendar.
  - A. Miscellaneous
    1. Approval of the October 22, 2024 Commission Meeting Minutes
    2. Approval of the February 3, 2025, Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes
      - a. 2nd Quarter Financial Report Fiscal Year 2024-2025
    4. Approval of the February 13, 2025, Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
    5. Approval of the February 19, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
7. Discussion Items

- A. Chiesa/Cooper (9,0) authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a \$40,000 agreement with United Way of Stanislaus to provide 211 and database services for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026.
  - B. Diep/Huber (9,0) authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a \$40,000 agreement with Be Strong Families to provide training services for Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025.
  - C. Dr. Papasozomenos/Magee (9/0) authorized the Executive Director to issue a one-time grant for \$25,000 to Stanislaus Police Activities League C/O Safe Kids Stanislaus to provide car safety seats for Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025.
8. Public Hearing
- A. Lilly-Tengowski/Huber (9,0) conducted a public hearing on the Commissions Policy and Procedure Manual and the recommended amendments, accepted and approved the Policy and Procedure Manual as recommended.
9. Commissioner Reports – Chair Paredes-Walsborn shared she attended the Early Childcare Education (ECE) Conference on Saturday and congratulated staff on a successful conference and for ensuring it was bilingual. She also shared that she connected Jasmine, Commission Staff, with national radio station Radio Bilingue for an interview and to promote the Childcare initiative.
10. Staff Reports – Dr. Shammy Karim, First 5 Executive Director reported that the second Childcare Cohort with Nurture started yesterday and the class had 30 students.
11. Adjournment at 4:22 p.m.