



**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 24, 2026  
Stanislaus County Office of Education - Board Room  
1100 H Street, Modesto, California 95354**

**Commissioners Present:** Tony Jordan, Heather Duvall, Nelly Paredes-Walsborn, Vito Chiesa, and David Cooper (Vice-Chair)

**Commissioners Absent:** Dr. Thea Papasozomenos, Dr. Daniel Diep, Keri Magee and Christine Huber (Chair)

**Staff Present:** Dr. Shameram Karim, Teala Diaz, Jasmine Gutierrez, and Shannon Rocha

**Counsel Present:** Sophia Ahmad

1. David Cooper (Vice-Chair) called the meeting to order at 4:22 p.m. Commissioners and Staff introduced themselves.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Announcement of Commissioner Recusals – None
4. Presentation - SCOE Presentation on Childcare Needs Assessment 2025
5. Public Comment Period (Limit of 5 minutes per person) – None
6. Consent Calendar – Paredes-Walsborn/Jordan (5,0) approved the Consent Calendar
  - A. Miscellaneous
    1. Approval of the October 28, 2025, Commission Meeting Minutes
    2. Approval of the February 09, 2026, Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes
      - a. 2nd Quarter Financial Report as of December 31, 2025
    3. Approval of the February 12, 2026, Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
    4. Approval of the February 18, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
7. Discussion Items
  - A. Duvall/Paredes-Walsborn (5,0) approved to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with United Way of Stanislaus 2026-2027 Contract for 211
  - B. Chiesa/Jordan (5,0) approved to administer a grant to Safe Kids Stanislaus 2025-2026 for Car Seat Safety
  - C. Chiesa/Paredes-Walsborn (5,0) approved to Enter into a 1-year Lease Agreement with Dana Bosio, trustee, Richard Bosio Revocable Trust

8. Public Hearing - None
9. Commissioner Reports – None
10. Staff Reports – Executive Director Karim announced that an Early Childhood Education Conference will be held on Saturday in partnership with SCOE. The speaker for the event will be the County Superintendent of schools, Scott Kuyendall.  
Furthermore, Executive Director Karim shared that she toured the Children's Garden alongside its founder, Jessica Coleman. During the visit, Coleman provided insights into the garden's mission, which focuses on disease prevention through the community, gardening, and education and shared about the services that they offer. The garden previously located near the children's hospital, has now relocated to a 7-Acre site off of Maze Boulevard. Executive Director Karim offered to set up a tour for the Commissioner's to tour the garden.
11. Adjournment at 4:54 p.m.