

**FIRST 5 KERN**  
**KERN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION**

Wednesday, March 3, 2010  
Kern County Superintendent of Schools  
1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Board Room 1B  
Bakersfield, California

Minutes

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 9:10 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Audelo, Champness, Goh, Maier, Puckett, Waterman; Alternate  
Commissioner Wasson  
Absent: Commissioners Cheadle, Jonah and Rubio

Note: Ao, Cs, Ce, Gh, Jh, Mr, Pt, Ro and Wm are abbreviations for Commissioners Audelo, Champness, Cheadle, Goh, Jonah, Maier, Puckett, Rubio and Waterman respectively. Alternate Commissioners are also similarly denoted. For example “Ao-Mr” denotes Commissioner Audelo made the motion and Commissioner Maier seconded it. The abbreviation “AB” means absent and “ABD” abstained. “All ayes” means that all Commissioners present voted affirmatively. “NO” indicates a negative vote by the indicated Commissioner(s).

COMMISSION ACTION SHOWN IN CAPITAL LETTERS

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) No one was heard.
- 2) Committee member announcements and reports –
  - No one was heard.
- 3) Executive Director’s Report – Larry J. Rhoades, Interim Executive Director
  - Mr. Rhoades announced the retirement of Claudia Holderness, Chief Finance Officer and thanked her for six instrumental years of service to First 5 Kern.
  - Mr. Rhoades introduced new staff member Kathy Ives, Principal Accountant.
  - Mr. Rhoades discussed the status of the State budget as it relates to First 5 Kern and First 5 California.
  - Mr. Rhoades reported that staff is still anticipating negotiations with Kern Health Systems to function as the Healthy Kids Kern County’s Health Administrator, funding for children ages 6 – 18, and assistance with the Medically Vulnerable Infant Workgroup.
  - Mr. Rhoades reported on an article of the *Visalia Times-Delta*, written by Valerie Gibbons, titled First 5 Tulare County’s Funding Dwindles.



REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wm – Ao  
Ce, Ro – AB  
All Ayes
- 4) First 5 California Annual Report 2008 – 2009 – OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING; CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING; RECEIVED AND FILED THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 -2009 ANNUAL REPORT OF FIRST 5 CALIFORNIA.

*Commissioner Cheadle entered the meeting.*

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

- Pt – Ao  
Ce, Ro – AB  
All Ayes
- 5) Monthly Financial Report for January 2010 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Pt – Ao  
Ce, Ro – AB  
All Ayes
- 6) Monthly Report on Reserved Funds for January 2010 – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Pt – Ao  
Ce, Ro – AB  
All Ayes
- 7) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Kern County Child Development Council) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Pt – Ao  
Ce, Ro – AB  
All Ayes
- 8) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Mothers of Preschoolers) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Pt – Ao  
Ce, Ro – AB  
All Ayes
- 9) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Kern County Department of Human Services) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Pt – Ao  
Ce, Ro – AB  
All Ayes
- 10) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events (Angel Flight West) – RECEIVED AND FILED
- Pt – Ao  
Ce, Ro – AB  
All Ayes
- 11) Letter from Mary K. McCabe, Owner, McCabe Consulting, dated February 9, 2010, re: Training for First 5 Kern Contractors on a Volunteer Basis – RECEIVED AND FILED

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

- 12) Strategic Planning Session –
- The Commission engaged in a facilitated discussion and PowerPoint of the Commission’s *Strategic Plan* for early childhood development in Kern County, led by Marc Thibault, Independent Consultant.
  - The Commission did not vote on any items and took no official action.
  - Commissioner Maier reported that the Commission meeting of April 7, 2010 has been cancelled and the next meeting of the Commission will be held June 2, 2010.
- 13) Adjourned to June 2, 2010

FUTURE MEETINGS

First 5 Kern Commission	June 2, 2010	2:00 P.M.	KCSOS 1300 17 <sup>th</sup> St.
First 5 Kern Commission	August 4, 2010	2:00 P.M.	KCSOS 1300 17 <sup>th</sup> St.
First 5 Kern Commission	October 6, 2010	2:00 P.M.	KCSOS 1300 17 <sup>th</sup> St.
First 5 Kern Commission	December 1, 2010	2:00 P.M.	KCSOS 1300 17 <sup>th</sup> St.
Technical Advisory Committee	April 19, 2010	10:00 A.M.	First 5 Kern Offices
Technical Advisory Committee	May 17, 2010	10:00 A.M.	First 5 Kern Offices
Technical Advisory Committee	June 21, 2010	10:00 A.M.	First 5 Kern Offices
Technical Advisory Committee	July 19, 2010	10:00 A.M.	First 5 Kern Offices
Technical Advisory Committee	September 20, 2010	10:00 A.M.	First 5 Kern Offices
Technical Advisory Committee	October 18, 2010	10:00 A.M.	First 5 Kern Offices
Technical Advisory Committee	November 15, 2010	10:00 A.M.	First 5 Kern Offices

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – STANDING COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE

Maier (Chair)  
 Cheadle  
 Audelo  
 Champness

TECHNICAL ADVISORY

Audelo (Chair)  
 Goh  
 Puckett

PERSONNEL

Audelo (Chair)  
 Jonah  
 Waterman  
 Goh (alternate)

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Champness (Chair)  
 Cheadle  
 Maier  
 Audelo (alternate)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – AD HOC COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
 AND COMMUNICATIONS

Waterman (Chair)  
 Audelo  
 Champness  
 Puckett

PROJECT REVIEW

Maier (Chair)  
 Jonah  
 Goh  
 Cheadle



CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE

Jonah (Chair)  
Cheadle  
Waterman

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