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Commission Minutes

April 12, 2021

As authorized by Governor Newsom’s Executive Order, N-25-20, dated March 12, 2020, the meeting will be held via teleconferencing with members of the Commission attending from separate remote locations.

Members of the public shall have the right to join the meeting and offer public comment by calling 1 (669) 900 6833 using meeting ID# 860 6081 2382. This altered format is in observance of the recommendation by local officials that certain precautions be taken, including social distancing, to address the threat of COVID-19.

Public comment periods: Matters under the jurisdiction of the Board, and not on the posted agenda, may be addressed by the general public at the beginning of the regular agenda and any matters on the agenda before the Board for consideration. However, California law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter, which is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an emergency by the Board. Any member of the public wishing to address the Board during the Public Comment period will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.

Commissioners Present: Gwen Nitta
Patrick McCarthy
Kim Tucker
Rosemarie Smallcombe
Jennifer McCollom
Kim Martin
Lydia Lower
Margarita King

Commissioners Absent: Shannon Gadd

Executive Director: Nikki West

Members of the Public: Nicole Lezin, Donna Santi, Megan Atkinson

I. Call to Order: 4:02 pm

II. Public Comments
None

III. Approval of Minutes:
a. February 8, 2021

A motion was made by Patrick McCarthy to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting. Kim Tucker seconded the motion, motion approved. A roll call for all votes was taken.

Ayes –8

Noes – 0
Absent –1 (Shannon Gadd)
Abstained – 0

IV. Budget Reports:

a. Discuss and Approve First 5 and School Readiness Budget Reports (January 31, 2021)

The Commission discussed the budget report for January.

Patrick McCarthy made a motion to approve the January 31, 2021 Mariposa First 5 and School Readiness budget report as presented, and Kim Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved. A roll call for all votes was taken.

Ayes –8
Noes – 0
Absent –1 (Shannon Gadd)
Abstained – 0

b. Discuss and Approve First 5 and School Readiness Budget Reports (February 28, 2021)

The Commission discussed the budget report for February.

Kim Martin made a motion to approve the February 28, 2021 Mariposa First 5 and School Readiness budget report as presented, and Jennifer McCollom seconded the motion. Motion approved. A roll call for all votes was taken.

Ayes –8
Noes – 0
Absent –1 (Shannon Gadd)
Abstained – 0

c. Discuss and Approve First 5 and School Readiness Budget Reports (March 31, 2021)

The Commission discussed the budget report for March.

Patrick McCarthy made a motion to approve the March 31, 2021 Mariposa First 5 and School Readiness budget report as presented, and Jennifer McCollom seconded the motion. Motion approved.

A roll call for all votes was taken.

Ayes –8
Noes – 0
Absent –1 (Shannon Gadd)
Abstained – 0

V. Update on Strategic Plan by Nicole Lezin

The consultant, Nicole Lezin, gave the Commission an update on her progress with the Strategic Plan.

VI. Discussion Regarding Speech Pathologist and School District Meeting

The Commission held a discussion regarding a speech pathologist. Mariposa Safe Families showed a binder that was created to help teachers and parents with activities for children needing speech assistance.

VII. Executive Director's Report

Nikki West gave the Commission updates on several items including preschools, First 5 CA, Home Visiting Program Grant, SPCFA Grant update.

VIII. Adjourn the Meeting: Next Meeting: June 14, 2021 at 4:00pm

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Kim Tucker and seconded by Patrick McCarthy. Motion approved. A roll call for all votes was taken.

Ayes –7

Noes – 0

Absent –2 (Shannon Gadd, Lydia Lower (left the meeting at 4:45pm))

Abstained – 0