

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

Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Zoom Videoconference Format

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85057994869?pwd=ZFYK0RBTIBHQURVSkZUZHR6Q0hYdz09>

**MINUTES**

COMMISSION CONVENED @ 2:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present Commissioners: Judd, Nilon, Richers, Scrivner, Sill, Wood  
Absent Commissioners: Curioso, Murphy, Wasson

Note: Co, Jd, My, Nn, Rs, Sr, Sl, Wn, and Wd are abbreviations for Commissioners, Curioso, Judd, Murphy, Nilon, Richers, Scrivner, Sill, Wasson, and Wood respectively. Alternate Commissioners Christopher, Giffard, Hasting, and Maggard are also similarly denoted. For example, “Nn-Wd” denotes Commissioner Nilon made the motion and Commissioner Wood seconded it. The abbreviations “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).

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2) None
- 3) Communications and Media Report
  - Kevin Bartl, Communications and Media Specialist, gave a PowerPoint presentation that covered:
    - ✓ First 5 Kern partnered with the Fox Theatre for the use of their marquee for Talk, Read, Sing and parent messaging.
    - ✓ Supported by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools and Community Connection for Child Care, First 5 Kern managed COVID-19 relief efforts by distributing diapers, disinfectants, toilet paper, hand sanitizer and other supplies to our programs and childcare providers. Another distribution is scheduled for Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M., at the KCSOS Warehouse, 705 S. Union Ave.
    - ✓ Mr. Bartl provided an overview of the Resilientkern.org website and reported training and events coming soon.
- 4) Executive Director’s Report
  - Mr. Maier introduced new employee, Hector Gutierrez, Strategic Initiatives Specialist, and Mr. Gutierrez gave a brief synopsis of himself.



- Mr. Gutierrez reported one of his first projects with First 5 Kern is working with UCLA and submitting an application to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (RWJF), Healthy Eating Research Program to examine pricing with companion interventions to shift access from sugar-sweetened beverages, to tap water in priority populations. The project will research households in the San Joaquin Valley, focusing on our 0 – 5 population, where the drinking water is compromised. First 5 Kern and UCLA will submit a full proposal for consideration to the RWJF in early November 2020.
- Mr. Maier reported the Governor has approved the budget for early childcare development spaces for childcare subsidies.
- First 5 California spending on the COVID-19 relief fund is taking precedence over anything else right now.
- Mr. Maier congratulated Kern Medical and Memorial Hospitals for being the only two facilities in the county that are Safe Sleep Certified, Gold Status.
- Mr. Maier reminded the Commissioners to take an Ethics training, they are available on-line. For those that have already completed the training please be sure to send a copy of your certificate to Sharon Powell, Administrative Assistant.
- Mr. Maier reported Clinica Sierra Vista decided not to submit a Request for Proposal for the Indian Wells Valley Family Resource Center. Staff has been in communications with OMNI and Community Action Partnership of Kern regarding the possibility of taking on the family resource center.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 5) Eric Xin, CPA, Partner, Brown Armstrong – Presentation of 2019-20 Fiscal Audit
  - Mr. Xin gave a presentation on the 2019-20 Fiscal Audit, reporting no audit adjustments and no findings.
- 6) Jianjun Wang, Ph D., Principal Investigator, California State University, Bakersfield
  - Dr. Jianjun Wang gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Annual Report to the State FY2019-20.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Wd-Nn  
Co, My, Wn-AB  
All Ayes
- 7) Annual Financial Audit – OPENED THE HEARING; RECEIVED NO PUBLIC TESTIMONY; CLOSED HEARING; RECEIVED AND FILED ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT; DIRECTED BROWN ARMSTRONG TO TRANSMIT THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT TO THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION.
- Nn-Rs  
Co, My, Wn-AB  
All Ayes
- 8) Annual Report to California Children and Families Commission – OPENED HEARING; RECEIVED NO PUBLIC TESTIMONY; CLOSED HEARING; RECEIVED AND FILED ANNUAL REPORT; DIRECTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSMIT THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION.

ACTION ITEMS

- Nn-Rs 9) Minutes of the Children and Families Commission meeting of June 3, 2020 – APPROVED  
Co, My, Wn-AB  
All Ayes
- Nn-Rs 10) First 5 Kern Commission and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule 2021 –  
Co, My, Wn-AB APPROVED  
All Ayes
- Nn-Rs 11) Project 2020.3.11 (Kern County Superintendent of Schools (KCSOS) - Improve and  
Co, My, Wn-AB Maximize Programs So All Children Thrive (IMPACT) – FUNDED THE AGREEMENT  
All Ayes WITH KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR A TERM OF THREE  
YEARS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,889,989; AUTHORIZED THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENTS AND  
ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COUNSEL  
AS TO FORM; AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ANY OTHER  
ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

- Nn-Rs 12) Monthly Financial Reports for May, June, July and August 2020 – RECEIVED AND FILED  
Co, My, Wn-AB  
All Ayes
- Nn-Rs 13) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events  
Co, My, Wn-AB (Purple Ribbon Month) – RECEIVED AND FILED  
All Ayes
- Nn-Rs 14) Report on Expenditure under the Policy on Support of Community Activities and Events  
Co, My, Wn-AB (The Family Life Pregnancy Center of Tehachapi) – RECEIVED AND FILED  
All Ayes
- Nn-Rs 15) Letter from Tammy Rowan, Executive Director, Mountain Communities Family Resource  
Co, My, Wn-AB Center, dated June 5, 2020, re: Retain and Transfer Office Furniture and Equipment –  
All Ayes RECEIVED AND FILED
- Nn-Rs 16) Letter from Donna Winkley, Regional Director, Department of Special Needs & Community  
Co, My, Wn-AB Outreach, Dignity Health, dated August 20, 2020, re: Thank You – RECEIVED AND FILED  
All Ayes
- 17) Notice of Closed Session – Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Title: Executive  
Director) (Government Code Section 54957)  
• Held over for the meeting of December 2, 2020.

ADJOURNED @ 3:04 P.M.

Adjourned to Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 2:00 P.M., 1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Board RM 1A