

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Community Meeting Room
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Miriam Ferrel called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Present:

Members: Chair David Govea, Vice Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, and
Commissioner Olivia Robledo

Staff: Deputy City Clerk Miriam Ferrel

Absent: Commissioners Michael Remenih (notified staff that he would be out of town) and Veronica Pacheco

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Deputy City Clerk Ferrel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Robledo, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Deputy City Clerk Ferrel introduced the new City Clerk Department Intern Cynthia Alba.

Ms. Alba introduced herself and stated that she is a resident of San Fernando and has two degrees in political science and communication, is excited about the changes made by the Education Commission, and shared ideas for promoting scholarships on social media.

Commissioner Robledo announced that she invited Principal Elizabeth Beltran, Cesar E. Chavez Learning Academies-Teacher Preparation Academy, to attend the meeting and asked to possibly re-open public statements when she arrives.

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Marco Valdez, PUC Triumph Charter High School Dean of Students, is excited to learn what is going on in the City.

COMMISSION MATTERS

1) INTRODUCTION OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER LUZ RIVAS (ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 39)

Assemblymember Rivas said she was excited that she was invited, introduced Field Representative Arturo Garcia Mendoza, asked the Education Commission to provide ideas for events/campaigns for further partnerships, and said she wants to make sure the City has access to resources.

Discussion ensued, and Assemblymember Rivas replied to various questions from Commissioners. No formal action was taken.

2) PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS DIRECTOR LYNA ABAL (LOS ANGELES EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP / SAN FERNANDO MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Chair Govea corrected the names to read Lyna Abal the Community School Coordinator with Los Angeles Education Partnership (LAEP) and Lisset Lazo the Program Manager for Best Start Communities.

Lyna Abal and Lisset Lazo provided information about LAEP, a nonprofit organization that works with schools and communities, whose focus is problem solving strategies. The organization's goal is to break down barriers in learning by supporting mental wellness and school renovations, and providing childcare services.

No formal action was taken.

3) DISCUSSION REGARDING SAN FERNANDO STUDENT OF THE MONTH NOMINATION, SELECTION AND PRESENTATION PROCEDURES

Chair Govea distributed a draft copy of the procedures and gave a brief update regarding Student of the Month applications that are expected go out mid-October.

Commissioner Robledo offered to draft a letter reaching out to local businesses for donations to be given away as a gift to the selected Student of the Month.

Discussion ensued regarding categories, nomination, selection, and the presentation at the City Council meeting. By consensus, Commissioners agreed to hold a special meeting on October 23.

4) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2019 SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS, APPLICATIONS, AND AWARDS CEREMONY

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Commissioners finalized the scholarship applications and decided that February 22, 2019 is the deadline to submit the scholarship applications.

Ms. Alba shared that the Mayor's vision for the Why Not You Scholarship is to impact those students that feel that they don't belong (i.e., First-generation college student, and low GPA applicants).

Chair Govea introduced the Why Not You Scholarship application questions. A brief discussion ensued and, by consensus, Commissioners agreed to finalize the application by their next meeting.

Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez reminded all about reaching out to Councilmembers for scholarship donations and confirmed that Councilmember Fajardo offered to contribute \$250 from his discretionary funds.

Discussion ensued but no formal action taken.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez announced that there is a fundraiser event on Wednesday at El Abuelo Restaurant for Social Justice Humanitas' college bus trip.

Commissioner Robledo mentioned that the San Fernando's Mariachi Tesoro was recognized by the City of Los Angeles for winning California State Fair's First Youth Mariachi Competition and were invited to perform in the Los Angeles City Hall Council Chambers. She also distributed an updated list of schools and noted that the schools are looking forward to the next Principals' Brunch event.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Deputy City Clerk Ferrel invited all to attend the next City Council Meeting for the introduction of two new principals from Cesar Chavez Learning Academies.

ADJOURNMENT (7:56 p.m.)

Motion by Commissioner Robledo, seconded by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of September 25, 2018 meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

*Miriam Ferrel
Deputy City Clerk*