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Minutes: Children and Families Commission Meeting

**Date, time,
location**

January 14, 2026
3:30 p.m.
First 5 San Bernardino Commission Conference Center, 735 E. Carnegie Drive, Suite 150, San Bernardino, CA 92408

**Pledge of
Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance by Chair Weinstein, M.D.

**Special
Presentation**

1,000 Books before Kindergarten, presented by Kristen Stevens, Assistant County Librarian for the San Bernardino County Library.

**Conflict of
Interest
Disclosure**

Commission members shall review agenda item contractors, subcontractors, and agents, which may require member abstentions due to conflict of interest and financial interests.

A Commission member with conflicts of interests shall state their conflict under the appropriate item. A Commission member may not participate in or influence the decision on a contract for which their abstention has been recorded.

Attendees

Commissioners Present

- Chair Elliot Weinstein, M.D.
- Commissioner Ted Alejandre
- Supervisor Baca Jr.
- Commissioner Josh Dugas
- Commissioner Gilbert Ramos

Absent

- Commissioner Gary Ovitt
- Vice Chair Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers

Legal Counsel

- Dawn Martin, Deputy County Counsel

Staff

- Cindy Faulkner, Assistant Director
- Michael Limon, Supervising Office Assistant

Changes to the agenda None

Executive Director's Report Ms. Faulkner, Assistant Director provided a report regarding the loss of Rob Reiner and the legacy of his assistance and contributions to First 5 California.

Item No.	CONSENT
1	Approve Minutes from December 3, 2025, Commission Meeting. (Presenter: Traci Homan, Executive Assistant, 386.7706) <u>Roll Call</u> Motion/Second: Supervisor Baca, Jr./Commissioner Dugas Aye: Supervisor Baca, Jr., Commissioner Alejandro, Commissioner Dugas, Commissioner Ramos, and Chair Weinstein, M.D. Absent: Commissioner Gary Ovitt and Vice Chair Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote to approve consent items.
2	Approve Amendment A-11 to CFC SB Policy 04-02 Conflict of Interest Code to amend Appendix B. (Presenter: Traci Homan, Executive Assistant, 386-7706) <u>Roll Call</u> Motion/Second: Supervisor Baca, Jr./Commissioner Dugas Aye: Supervisor Baca, Jr., Commissioner Alejandro, Commissioner Dugas, Commissioner Ramos, and Chair Weinstein, M.D. Absent: Commissioner Gary Ovitt and Vice Chair Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote to approve consent items.

Item No.	DISCUSSION
3	<p>Elect Chair and Vice Chair for the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County. (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Assistant Director, 386-7706)</p> <p>Ms. Faulkner asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Commission Chair. Supervisor Baca, Jr., nominated Dr. Weinstein. Dr. Weinstein accepted nomination.</p> <p>Hearing none further, nominations closed for the position of Commission Chair. Without further comment or objection, and with Commissioner Ovitt and Vice Chair Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers absent, commission members unanimously voted in favor of Dr. Weinstein to remain as Commission Chair.</p> <p>Chair Weinstein asked Assistant Director, Cindy Faulkner, that if he would like to nominate Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers for Vice Chair could she accept although she was not in attendance.</p> <p>Both legal counsel and Ms. Faulkner agreed and stated that Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers had stated via email that she would like to serve another term as Vice Chair if she was nominated.</p> <p>Supervisor Baca, Jr., nominated Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers for Vice Chair.</p> <p>Hearing none further, nominations closed for the position of Commission Vice Chair. Without further comment or objection, and with Commissioner Ovitt and Vice Chair Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers absent, commission members unanimously voted in favor of Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers to remain as Commission Vice Chair.</p>
4	<p>Approve and authorize issuance of a Request for Qualifications for an Auditor to conduct and prepare an annual audit and report of First 5 San Bernardino's financial statements for Fiscal Years 2026-2030. (Presenter: Samuel Wong, Chief Financial Officer, 386.7706)</p> <p>Mr. Wong presented the Request for Approval and authorization of issuance of Request for Qualifications and stated that staff recommendation is approval as drafted. If approved, RFQ will be posted on January 15 through February 11, 2026, and look to present the selected proposal in June and begin contract work in July.</p> <p><u>Roll Call</u> Motion/Second: Supervisor Baca, Jr./Commissioner Dugas Aye: Supervisor Baca, Jr., Commissioner Dugas, Commissioner Ramos, Commissioner Alejandro, Chair Weinstein, M.D. Absent: Commissioner Ovitt and Vice Chair. Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers Without further comment or objection, motion carried by unanimous vote to approve Item 4.</p>

Item No.	INFORMATION
5	<p>Receive information from EVALCORP for First 5 San Bernardino's Local Outcomes Report for 2024-2025. (Presenter: Josh Roche, Statistical Analyst, 386.7706)</p>

