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Minutes: Children and Families Commission Budget Workshop

Date, time, location May 6, 2026
2:00 p.m.
735 E. Carnegie Drive, Suite 150, San Bernardino, CA 92408, Tech & Training Room

Call To Order The Budget Workshop was called to order by Chair Weinstein, M.D.

Roll Call Chair Weinstein, M.D. lead the roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance Pledge of Allegiance by Chair Weinstein, M.D.

Attendees

Commissioners Present

- Chair Elliot Weinstein, M.D.
- Vice Chair Dr. Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers
- Commissioner Gilbert Ramos
- Commissioner Gary Ovitt
- Commissioner Janki Patel

Absent

- Commissioner Ted Alejandre
- Supervisor Baca Jr

Legal Counsel

- Dawn Martin, Deputy County Counsel

Staff

- Cindy Faulkner, Interim Executive Director
- Scott McGrath, Deputy Director of System/Impact
- Samuel Wong, Chief Financial Officer
- Erin Meier, Admin Supervisor I

- Alicia Chavez, Supervising Accountant
- Traci Homan, Commission Clerk
- Dr. Wendy Lee, Systems Integration Officer
- Michael Angelo Limon, Supervising Office Assistant
- Ethan Flowrest, Accountant II
- Michael Limon, Supervising Office Assistant
- Santos Ayon, Accountant II

Item No.	TOPIC
1	<p>First 5 Association Membership Dues (Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Interim Executive Director)</p> <p>Discussion Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Executive Director Cindy Faulkner recapped for the commission that First 5 Association Membership Dues in Fy 24/25 were \$ 57, 899 and were increasing \$81,491. • First 5's around the state is questioning the fees and the value of the membership and if the increase to the rates is worthwhile prop 10 funds continue to decrease. • First 5 San Bernardino does see value in being a part of the First 5 association due to various training and networking opportunities that are provided. • Dr. Weinstein suggested an increase of a lower percentage that would be equitable to what other entities are paying. • It was discussed amongst those present that \$57,899 annually maybe more appropriate rather than \$81,491 however staff would have to outreach to see if the association would accept this rate. • With the adjustment to a lower rate this would allow F5SB to handle the following issues – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rising operational costs 2. Need for tech upgrades 3. Vacant positions 4. Declining revenue 5. Lacking value of membership compared to dollar amount and scope of work.

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2	<p>Review of Proposed FY 26-27 Budget (Presenter: Samuel Wong, Chief Financial Officer)</p> <p>Discussion Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Financial Officer Samuel Wong presented the Proposed FY 26-27 Budget via Microsoft PowerPoint. • Vice Chair Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers questioned why there was an constant increase to community engagement and advertising? Chief Financial Officer Samuel Wong explained that certain salaries are now reflected in those line items. Two new community engagement staff members were hired on this year, which explains some of the increase as well as the increase of costs in Advertising and pricing with F5SB Westbound agreement. • Vice Chair Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers stated she would like for F5SB to begin researching other sources of funding possibly via a foundation of sorts due to Prop 10 decreasing. • Commissioner Ramos identified typos towards the end of the presentation of amounts not mirroring one another, Chief Financial Officer Samuel Wong stated he would have these typos addressed prior to submission.

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3	<p>Agency / Programs Update (Presenter: Scott McGrath, Deputy Director)</p> <p>Discussion Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Director Scott McGrath showcased a dashboard created by Joshua Roche, Statical Analyst. The dashboard showed years of data dealing with various entities related to improved family support. • Vice Chair Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers questioned who currently access to the dashboard has, to which the Deputy Director stated F5SB staff is the only persons with clearance and would not advise public to have access as it would not provide any benefit nor would data be relevant to information they may need. • Deputy Director Scott McGrath went on to show the features of the Dashboard and explain how the data could better serve staff to assist agencies

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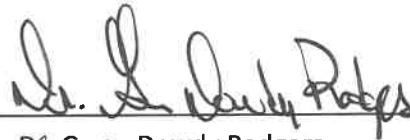
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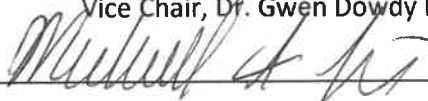
Adjournment 2:45 PM

Next Meeting Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 3:30 PM
First 5 San Bernardino, 735 E. Carnegie Drive, Suite 150, San Bernardino CA 92408 in
the Commission Conference Room

Attest



Vice Chair, Dr. Gwen Dowdy Rodgers



Michael Limon, Supervising Office Assistant
