

MEETING MINUTES SAN FRANCISCO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

DATE: Wednesday, March 1, 2023

TIME: 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

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1. Call to order

The commission meeting was called to order at 4:38 pm

2. Roll call

Present: Zea Malawa, Lynn Merz, Michael Lambert, Linda Asato, Maria Su, Ingrid Mezquita

Absent: Cesnae Crawford, Myrna Melgar, Joan Miller, Aline Armstrong,

3. Discussion and possible action to approve February 1, 2023, meeting minutes (Action item)
[Commissioners provided with the following: draft minutes]

There was no further discussion.

There was no public comment.

The motion to approve the February 1, 2023, Commission meeting minutes (Action Item) was made by Commissioner Lambert and seconded by Commissioner Malawa. The motion was carried unanimously and was approved unanimously at 4:40 pm.

4. General public comment:

There was no further discussion

There was no public comment

5. Fiscal presentation of the Department of Early Childhood's (DEC) Children and Families Commission (CFC) Division for FY2023-24 and FY2024-25 (Discussion only) [Commissioners provided with the following: coversheet and CFC Division budget]

- Now that CFC is under DEC, CFC retains the authority to approve Prop 10 funding.
- Commission must approve just the CFC revision.
- Under Prop 10, CFC holds \$25.4M within the larger DEC budget of \$426M.
- Current Revenue matches expenditures of \$25.4M
- Administrative expenditures are equal to 4.8M
- General Program is equal to \$2.2M (general family support)
- The ECE division also covers the largest funding portion of the Child Health Program.
- ECE Grants, including Impact and HUB, the Prop 10 grants, are the only remaining under the CFC division.
- Specific expenditures include family resource centers (FRC) and work orders to the Department of Public Health for parent training institutes, mental health consultation, and enhanced screenings.
- FRCs include \$17.8 M under Prop 10 and an additional \$6.5M in the ECE Division.

There was no further discussion.
There was no public comment.
(Discussion Item only)

6. Discussion and possible action to approve rows 1 to 19 (revenues, administrative expenditures, and general programmatic expenditures) of the FY2023-24 and FY2024-25 CFC Division budget (Action item) [Commissioners provided with the following: see agenda item 6]

—Commissioners requested a more detailed programmatic expenditure view of the four main funding areas to be shared in the future.

The motion to approve rows 1 to 19 (revenues, administrative expenditures, and general programmatic expenditures) of the FY2023-24 and FY2024-25 CFC Division budget was made by Commissioner Malawa and seconded by Commissioner Su. The motion was carried unanimously and was approved unanimously at 4:55 pm.

There was no further discussion.
There was no public comment.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve row 20 (Family Resource Centers expenditures) of the FY2023-24 and FY2024-25 CFC Division budget (Action item) [Commissioners provided with the following: see agenda item 6]

- Upcoming RFP planning process is underway.

- In addition to Prop 10 spending, a small portion of Prop C was made available to support food pantries and basic needs through FRCs.

The motion to approve rows 20 (revenues, administrative expenditures, and general programmatic expenditures) of the FY2023-24 and FY2024-25 CFC Division budget was made by Commissioner Malawa and seconded by Commissioner Su. The motion was carried unanimously and was approved unanimously at 5:10 pm.

—Look for new/additional opportunities to meet the additional needs incurred by the FRCs.

—Immediate need for Fiscal Committee, DEC staff, and partner agencies to look at funding options to supplement the FRC budget for the upcoming fiscal year. To support many emerging needs within the field.

—Include HSA & DPH in the conversation.

There was no further discussion.

Public comment.

- Naeemah Charles —Happy that you all are looking at ways to add additional support for the FRC; it's very essential. One thing that I am interested in and others within the ECE community (are too) is that as the fiscal committee looks at FRC funding, we can also look at the contributions that HSA and DCYF are making to Family Resource Centers. It seems like the FRC funding from DCYF has decreased over the last few years, and I understand that FRCs are essential and serve up to transitional-age youth. In terms of the food program, I'm interested in how the work that the CACFP program for childcare can partner with and align with the FRC work for food as well.
- Rosaura Diaz— Thank you, commissioner Malawa for elevating the need to identify other funds to continue supplementing the family resource initiatives, specifically with the family needs that we continue to see in the field and the community. I appreciate you looking at that need.
- Patricia Sullivan—I'm the director of the Family Childcare Association of San Francisco. I just hope that by reviewing the budgets and allocations for the next year, we better understand how Prop C dollars are financing food programs in FRCs. I'm sure there should be more clearly done for FRC, but I'm not sure that's the right funding source.
- Gina Fromer—I want to remind everybody that there is a food security task force for San Francisco with great data. As one of the founding members, I would ask you to reach out as you're doing your research because they have lots of information in every community on what's going on with food security instead of being speculative about what they need. The other thing is that I want to remind everybody that San Francisco has two Resource and Referral Services that have been around for almost 50 years and require increased funding. We're doing a lot of comprehensive work, and R&R are FRCs that can join this work and use some extra funding, so I just want to remind you. We're all hands-on deck here and want to ensure families in San Francisco have what they need.

No Further Public Comment

8. Discussion and possible action to approve rows 21 to 23 (DPH work order expenditures) of the FY2023-24 and FY2024-25 CFC Division budget (Action item) [Commissioners provided with the following: see agenda item 6]

*The Children and Families Commission did not have a quorum for Item 8.

*Item 8 is tabled for a future Commission meeting.

There was no further discussion.

There was no public comment.

9. Committee updates

—No Committee updates

There was no further discussion.

There was no public comment.

10. Commissioner updates

—Bill AB 679 (Wicks) raises the reimbursement for family childcare on the food program from 75% to 100%. Brings the state up to the federal program. Also, if you're eligible for food programs or Medi-Cal, you are categorically eligible for childcare.

—DEC staff provided Commissioner Lambert with an overview of the Sparkler app—ways for DEC and The Public Library to work together to get early intervention and screening done.

—DCYF has submitted its budget to the mayor. Have made the commitment to keep CBOs and work orders whole for this coming FY.

—Commissioners Linda Asato and Lynn Merz's terms have ended with this commission meeting after 11 years on the Children and Families Commission (Formerly First 5 San Francisco).

11. Executive Director updates

—Executive Director Ingrid Mezquita presented Commissioners Linda Asato and Commissioner Lynn Merz with a Certificate of Honor from Mayor London Breed and the Board of Supervisors, recognizing their service in support of children and families of San Francisco for the past 11 years.

—DEC is undertaking a “Big Splash” brand launch campaign.

—DEC continues to hire and grow the department.

12. The commission meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.