



**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
ACTION SUMMARY

August 12, 2022 - 2:00 PM

**Members:** Silvia Rodriguez (Chair), Robin Blanks, Emily Bowen, Carolyn Curtis, Junior Goris (Vice Chair), Heidi Keiser, Edward Lewis, Megan Masten, Pooja Mittal, Tanya Morgan, Alexxandria Paige, Tony Smith, Ricki Townsend, Walter Wyniarczuk

**Staff:** Julie Gallelo, Executive Director  
Stephanie Wills, Clerk of Commission  
Erin Maurie, Communications and Policy Director

**Absent:** Robin Blanks, Megan Masten, Junior Goris, Alexxandria Paige

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

**ACTION:** The Zoom Meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM. A quorum was established.

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Public Comments on Off-Agenda Items  
None at this time.

4. Approval of the Draft Action Summary from June 10, 2022  
**ACTION:** Motion to approve from Edward Lewis, seconded by Ricki Townsend and Pooja Mittal. Motion passes.

5. Commissioner Meet & Greet: David Gordon, Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools

Dave Gordon has served on the First 5 Commission for over 10 years and also sits on the First 5 Evaluation Committee. For 18 years, Dave has been the Superintendent of Schools for the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE). Prior to that, he worked as the superintendent for the Elk Grove Unified School District. There are several programs that Dave oversees as it relates to early learning and care support: Raising Quality Together, Preschool Bridging Model and Help Me Grow. Additionally SCOE engages in community projects with various local and state organizations to provide counseling and workforce development to providers. Behavioral health is a growing effort at school sites with a focus to create a 'center of wellness' with preventative care. All SCOE's programs are built on the foundation of

sustaining long term funding. Dave sits on several boards including SETA and the state mental health board.

Committee members engaged with questions about underserved schools, childcare and transportation.

6. Executive Director’s Report

Julie Gallelo shared highlights from the August 1 Commission Meeting and reminded committee members of the October 3 Strategic Planning Retreat. Other highlights were: Afghan Refugee Services Funding Awarded, Baby Formula Shortage, Building Strong Families Program and Commissioner Updates.

7. 2024 First 5 Strategic Planning

- Overview & Timeline
- Data Review: Countywide Trends/Disparities
- Community Voice Survey Outreach

The Seed Collaborative Consultants, overseeing the 2024 Strategic Planning process, were introduced to the Commission at the August meeting. Lindsay shared their presentation and provided an overview of the planning process, the timeline, and engaged the Committee Members in a discussion about the upcoming process and expectations.

First 5’s evaluation consultants, Applied Survey Research (ASR), presented key findings from two reports: the Sacramento County Trend Report and the Racial Equity Snapshot. The trend report showed progress and the need for improvement toward early childhood outcomes outlined in our seven strategic result areas. The Racial Equity Snapshot provided a cross-sector data review and findings to approach addressing disparities. The data is both these reports will play a key role in the Strategic Planning Process.

Lindsay updated members on the Parent Survey—the timeline, goals and the need for committee members to help disseminate the survey via email, by flyer and social media.

8. Refugee Family Support Grant

First 5 Sacramento was awarded \$570,351 from First 5 CA to launch new services for recently arrived refugee families with children ages birth through 5. The funding will be distributed to five local agencies that will hire bilingual, culturally responsive navigators to help families access local services and provide them with support. Additionally, funding will allow for workshops, access to mental health support, and the distribution of basic needs. The program will begin on September 1, 2022 and continue for 12 months. Staff are negotiating contracts with the following five agencies to provide direct services to refugee families: Refugee Enrichment Development Association, Muslim American Society Social Services Foundation, Mutual Assistance Network, Public Health Institute and NorCal Resist.

9. Member Announcements/Comments

Silvia, Walter, Heidi and Tony agreed to form a subcommittee to review the county trend data and draft a letter to the Commissioners with recommendations.

Adjourned: 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Maurie  
First 5 Sacramento Commission