



**ADISORY COMMITTEE**  
DRAFT ACTION SUMMARY

June 14, 2024, 2:00 PM

**Members:** Robin Blanks, Kairis Chiaji, Carolyn Curtis, Junior Goris (Vice Chair), Janea Hackett-Little, Heidi Keiser, Maria Lopez, Fatima Malik, Jennifer Mohammad, Alexxandria Paige, Silvia Rodriguez (Chair), Chase Smith, Tony Smith, Linda Thrift, Darsey Varnedoe, Darla Williams, Walter Wyniarczuk

**Staff:** Julie Gallelo, Executive Director  
Stephanie Wills, Clerk of Commission  
Lindsay Dunckel, Early Learning Coordinator  
Erin Maurie, Communications and Policy Director  
Maria Hammill Communications and Policy Director

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

**ACTION:** The meeting was called to order at 2:09 PM by Chair Silvia Rodriguez.

**Absent:** Jayna Hackett-Little, Heidi Keiser, Maria Lopez, Alexxandria Paige, Tony Smith, Darsey Varnedoe, Darla Williams. Fatima Malik and Jennifer Mohammad attended via zoom and unable to vote.

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Teambuilder**

The meeting was dedicated to the memory of Jennifer Mohammad's husband, Ron Frizzel. The Committee shared words of sympathy and support for Jennifer and her children.

**2. Public Comment and Off-Agenda Items**

Vice-Chair Junior Goris announced that he has taken a position with Lead for Tomorrow, a First 5 contractor, and will be the lead on the new First 5 Parent Coordinator contract.

Member Jennifer Thrift attended the PLTI graduation to support a Warmline staff member that graduated and a parent trainer. She shared the evening was filled with inspiration and thanked First 5 for investing in this program.

### **3. Meet and Greet with Commissioner Steve Wirtz**

Commissioner Wirtz has served on the First 5 Commission for 11 years. Prior to that he was the Chair and Co-Chair on the Advisory Committee. He currently serves as the chair of the First 5 Evaluation Committee. He graduated from Sac State and has a doctorate in psychology from Boston University. Commissioner Wirtz has a long history of improving the lives of children and families. He worked at CAPC and helped create the 1<sup>st</sup> Child Death Review Report. He spent the majority of his career at the CA Dept of Public Health focused on statewide evaluation efforts. Steve has a long and important history as an original First 5 architect steering the vision of the first strategic plan 25 years ago. His continued focus as a Commissioner is First 5's sustainability efforts and systemic change to create conditions so children have equal opportunities to develop to their full potential.

### **4. Approve Minutes from April 12, 2024**

A quorum was not established. This item will be tabled to the next meeting.

### **5. Executive Director's Update**

The Committee reviewed the Director's Report that was in the packet. First 5 highlights:

- June 3<sup>rd</sup> Commission Meeting
- Staffing updates
- Court ordered parenting classes
- REDI+ CR Update
- State budget update

### **6. Presentation: Participatory Grant Making**

First 5 Sacramento is engaged in a participatory grant-making (PGM) process supported by a robust community engagement strategy. This strategy will be co-designed with CBOs, community leaders, and other stakeholders aligned with First 5 Sacramento's mission to improve outcomes for children aged 0-5. April Jean from Pure Jeanius Consulting and Stephanie Bray from Touchstone Leadership shared the framework for PGM with the Committee. They had a brainstorming discussion on the process, next steps on how Committee Members can best support the process.

### **7. Member Announcements/Public Comments**

No comments.

Adjourned: 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Hammill

First 5 Sacramento Commission