



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 25, 2022 9 a.m. to noon

As authorized by Governor Newsom's Executive Order, N-25-20, dated March 12, 2020, the meeting will be held via teleconferencing with members of the Commission attending from separate remote locations. This altered format is in observance of the recommendation by local officials that certain precautions be taken, including social distancing, to address the threat of COVID-19. Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting and provide comment via the following [Zoom Link](#) or by calling 1 669 900 6833 Meeting ID: 506 439 0481

A meeting link can also be found on our website: first5butte.org

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1 Chair- Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01

2 Chair- Identification of Alternate Commissioners

If Alternate Commissioner(s) are needed, they shall be selected in the following order:

Dr. Lourdes Valdez

Commissioners Present: Shelby Boston, Dr. Shaun-Adrián Choflá, Dr. Shelley Hart, Scott Kennelly, Dr. Holly Kralj, Matthew Reddam, Tami Ritter, Seng Yang, Danette York

Commissioners Absent: Dr. Lourdes Valdez

3 [Proclamation of Assembly Bill 361](#)

The Commission reviewed and adopted a proclamation to meet virtually in compliance with the Brown Act and Assembly Bill 361

Motion to approve the Proclamation for AB 361

Motioned/Seconded: Ritter/ Boston

Ayes: Boston, Choflá, Kennelly, Kralj, Reddam, Ritter, Yang

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Hart, York

4 Agenda Review

Motion to approve the agenda

Motioned/Seconded: Ritter/ Kralj

Ayes: Boston, Choflá, Hart, Kennelly, Kralj, Reddam, Ritter, Yang, York

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Nayes: None

Abstentions: None

5 Public Comment

Public Comment allows members of the public to comment generally on matters within the Commission's purview but are not on the agenda. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The Commission cannot take action on any matter not listed on the agenda, but may provide staff direction.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed in the Consent Agenda are approved as a set without discussion or individual motions. Individual items may be removed from the consent agenda during Agenda Review or Consent Agenda on the request of any one member. Items not removed will be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items will be placed in Regular Agenda.

6 [First 5 Butte Commission Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2021](#)

7 [Second Quarter Financial Report](#)

8 [Final Policy Manual](#)

No items were requested to be pulled or objected to; the consent agenda passed.

REGULAR AGENDA Presentation/Discussion/Possible Action

Public Comment is invited at each agenda item. Agenda items may be taken out of turn. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes.

9 Results Based Accountability

PRESENTATION

Dr. Dustin Anderson of EvalCorp presented an overview of Results Based Accountability and lead a discussion about evaluation best practices.

10 [First 5 Butte County Community Report](#)

INFORMATION

Director Bauer provided an overview of the FY 2021-2022 Community Report developed in collaboration with EvalCorp. Commissioners expressed appreciation of the report.

11 [Strategic Plan Review](#)

DISCUSSION

The Commission shall review and discuss its 2021-2026 Strategic Plan

Director Bauer presented proposed edits to the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan. Commissioners supported the edits recommended by staff, and discussed how the REDI Initiative should be referred to. Commissioners directed staff to rename the REDI to Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and to include language specific to REDI in its Strategic Plan.

12 [Partner Showcase](#)

PRESENTATION

The Commission received a video presentation from the Hmong Cultural Center of Butte County about the Tu Tus Menyuum and Dual Language Learner programs.

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13 Strong Families Advisory Committee

INFORMATION

Commissioner Boston provided an update from the Strong Families Committee about the status of the Family Resource Center Capacity Building Request for Applications. She reported that the Committee reviewed four applications and have approved funds for Northern Valley Catholic Social Services, Hmong Cultural Center of Butte County, Butte County Library and the Child Abuse Prevention Council. The Committee also discussed the need for a focus on outlying areas of Butte County that have been impacted by the catastrophic wildfires. The Committee holds those communities as priorities and will be returning to the Commission with a future plan for a community scan for Concow and Berry Creek communities.

14 [Executive Committee Report](#)

INFORMATION

Commissioner Ritter stated that the Commission's annual audit was accepted by the Butte County Board of Supervisors at their February 22 meeting.

15 Director Report

INFORMATION

Director Bauer introduced Georgia Epperson and Shelly Miller as new staff members to the First 5 team. Bauer reported that the First 5 Help Me Grow team has been conducting lots of in-service and outreach, and just this week alone Help Me Grow opened 8 new cases. Bauer provided an update about the Home Visiting Coordination Initiative and reported that Help Me Grow will soon provide coordination for home visiting referrals in order to support all home visiting programs in increasing their referrals. The initiative will be referred to as The Village and will live within the Help Me Grow system. Outreach materials and strategies are being developed in collaboration with partners. Bauer highlighted the upcoming grant writing training that will be provided at no-cost to community partners. The event is co-sponsored by the Commission and the North Valley Community Foundation, and includes many of the organizations that have been engaged with disaster response and recovery. As a follow up to the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health presentation the Commission received in December, there are FAN and Ripple Effect trainings scheduled and are being offered to early care and education providers at no-cost, in collaboration with Butte County Office of Education Steps to Quality initiative.

16 Commissioner Announcements

INFORMATION

Commissioner Boston shared the sad news that former First 5 Commissioner Lorenzo Tobias had passed away recently. He served as a Commissioner from 2010-2018 as a representative of recipient of Commission services. Tobias was involved in a parent education class with his daughter in 2008, and became an alternate Commissioner shortly thereafter. When he stepped down from the Commission in 2018, he became a Cal Hope counselor to help people who were experiencing challenges as a result of the Camp Fire. Tobias had recently relocated to Arkansas.

Commissioner Ritter shared that there was an art opening called *Behind the Walls*, art produced by individuals who were incarcerated or formerly incarcerated. The event is held at the 1078 Gallery in Chico at 6 pm.

Commissioner Reddam shared that BCOE has been working with the School Crisis and Renewal Team, and are providing a Community of Practice for leaders. The sessions are hour-long and provide information about trauma-informed communication and other aspects of leading during a crisis.

Commissioner Hart shared that she will be launching a survey to students about health and well-being, with a focus on suicide prevention.

Commissioner Choflá announced that the Glenn County campus of Butte-Glenn college will be opening in the Fall.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Adjourn. Next regular meeting April 29, 2022

Non-Agendized Items

Funding approved since December 17, 2021 Commission meeting:

[\\$9,500 to Butte County Office of Education, Local Childcare Planning Council, to fund a child care needs assessment.](#)

[\\$14,420 to Grant Writers of America to fund a two-day grant writing workshop, March 24 & 25, for community partners, a collaborative effort between the Commission and the North Valley Community Foundation.](#)

First 5 Association and First 5 California:

[First 5 California Home Visiting Workforce Policy Recommendations and Supporting Evidence](#) Child Trends, 2022

[First 5 Association Overview of the Governor Newsom's proposed FY 22-23 Budget](#)

Research and News:

[A top researcher says its time to rethink our entire approach to preschool.](#) NPR, February 10, 2022

[Developmental Milestones Just Changed for the First Time in Years.](#) Washington Post, February 10, 2022

Advocacy and Support:

Support *Supply Bank* request to the CA legislature to allocate \$30 million over 3 years to provide diapers to 50 counties in California, including Butte.

Supplemental Materials:

[First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission 2021 – 2026 Strategic Plan](#)

[Commission Bylaws](#)

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