



**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
Friday August 26, 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

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**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**1 Chair- Call to Order**

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02

Commissioners Present: Shelby Boston, Dr. Shelley Hart (arrived at 9:45 a.m.), Scott Kennelly, Dr. Holly Kralj, Matthew Reddam, Tami Ritter

Commissioners Absent: Dr. Shaun-Adrián Choflá, Seng Yang, Danette York

**2 [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/Kennelly**

**Ayes: Boston, Kennelly, Kralj, Reddam, Ritter**

**Nayes: None**

**Absent: Hart**

**3 Agenda Review**

**Motion to approve the agenda**

**Motioned/Seconded: Ritter/Kralj**

**Ayes: Boston, Kennelly, Kralj, Reddam, Ritter**

**Nayes: None**

**Absent: Hart**

**4 Public Comment**

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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.

There was no public comment

## 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.

### 5 [First 5 Butte Commission Meeting Minutes from June 24, 2022](#)

**Motion to approve the consent agenda**

**Motioned/Seconded: Kennelly/Ritter**

**Ayes: Boston, Kennelly, Kralj, Reddam, Ritter**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Hart**

## 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.

### 6 [Flavored Tobacco Resolution](#)

**ACTION**

The Commission reviewed the revised Flavored Tobacco Resolution

**Motion to adopt the Flavored Tobacco Resolution**

**Motioned/Seconded: Ritter/Kralj**

**Ayes: Boston, Kennelly, Kralj, Reddam, Ritter**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Hart**

### 7 **Partner Showcase**

**PRESENTATION**

The Commission received a video presentations from the African American Family and Cultural Center about their Juneteenth Celebration. Commissioner Boston expressed the Commission's appreciation to the AAFCC for their presentation.

### 8 [Universal Pre-Kindergarten Overview](#)

**PRESENTATION**

The Commission received a presentation from Michelle Lucero, Senior Director, Butte County Office of Education Child Development Programs and Services. The recording of the presentation is linked to the agenda item for review.

Commissioner Boston shared that she has been involved with planning for Universal Pre Kindergarten for a local charter school and described the challenges that schools are experiencing to meet the requirements of the funding. Commissioner Kralj shared that she agrees with the new mandate hopes that it will raise the reimbursement and standards for early childhood educators. She asked if a future governor could walk back the funding. Lucero explained that the new standards are mostly protected by law and the legislature.

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Contraction in the state budget can result in future reduction in funding to the educational system and that could affect early childhood systems. Lucero stated that the pandemic illuminated the challenges, and the essential role, of the early care and education system. Commissioner Ritter asked about the estimate of how many new teachers will be needed statewide, and whether there were incentives to become UPK teachers? Is there a compensation structure? And which communities passed the sales tax for early childhood and whether it was a designated tax? Lucero explained that the state has released workforce incentives- Early Educator Teacher Development Grant to incentivize early care and education teachers to receive UPK-12 credentials. Butte College locally is working on developing an online certificate program to support early care teachers. Lucero stated she thinks that San Mateo County had the early childhood sales tax, and will look into it and report back. As far as charter schools being held to the same standards, private childcare centers and homes can be a solution for small schools and districts to meet their mandate. Commissioner Boston pointed out that there is a summer school component to the ELOP. Lucero stated that a natural partner could be the Parks and Recreation Departments. She acknowledged that it is a large challenge and a big transition. Lucero agreed that ratios are a big deal and that schools must meet those requirements they were be financially penalized. She explained that the extra staff are typically para-professionals or aides, and has been encouraging school districts to create an early childhood classification to support the UPK ration requirements. Director Bauer reminded the Commission that they funded Chico Unified School District in 2012 to help support the development of a high quality transitional Kindergarten program. Lucero added that there is a significant disparity between early care and education and K-12 compensation, and the sensitivity about the credential requirement, as well as concerns about vacancy rates in infant and toddler programs.

**9 [Brown Act Training](#)**

**INFORMATION**

The Commission viewed a 15 minute video about the Ralph M. Brown Act. All commissioners in attendance shall receive a certificate of completion.

**10 [Commission 2023 Meeting Calendar](#)**

**ACTION**

The Commission considered approval of its 2023 meeting calendar

**Motion to approve the 2023 Commission meeting calendar**

**Motioned/Seconded: Ritter/Hart**

**Ayes: Boston, Hart, Kennelly, Kralj, Reddam, Ritter**

**Nays: None**

**11 [Strong Families Committee Report](#)**

**INFORMATION**

Commissioner Boston provided an overview of the Strong Families committee meetings, and explained that this initiative is a meaningful opportunity for the Commission to apply a systems change lens to get to the long-term outcome of developing family resource centers across the county. She explained that the Department of Employment and Social Services has submitted a funding proposal to leverage additional funds to support family resource centers. Overall, we are on the right path. She expressed her appreciation to the committee.

**12 [Strategic Plan and Evaluation Advisory Committee Report](#)**

**INFORMATION**

Commissioner Reddam reported that the committee wants to align its work with the Families First Prevention Services Act work and other emerging priorities. He pointed out that the sweeping changes that are coming are

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taxing for the systems, but provide opportunities. The committee wants to create a body that isn't the same people. The committee will be collecting information about where it wants to align, and what data it makes sense to be looking at, and how to align with the shifting mandates: the inclusion of young children in school districts will provide a new type of access to data about young children and access to families. The priorities for the committee will be to get clearer about what data we are looking at and updating the Commission at the December meeting. Commissioner Hart added that the committee wants to look at community focused data that shares the responsibility of positively moving the indicators. Commissioner Reddam pointed out the importance of an equity lens when identifying data and priorities.

**13**     [Executive Committee Report](#)

**INFORMATION**

**14**     **Director Report**

**INFORMATION**

Director Bauer shared that the Strategic Investment RFA is scheduled to close on August 31 and has generated 10 inquiries. She explained the timing of the scoring and recommendations to the Commission. The Board of Supervisors received a presentation about the Commission's revised ordinance. The County completed their class/comp study, which means human resources looked at all job descriptions and compensation. Commission staff did receive salary adjustments and staff will provide a budget update at the December meeting. Director Bauer explained that she has been working closely with the Child Abuse Prevention Council chairs and interim director, as well as Commissioner Boston, and discussing how the CAPC can be supported and grown into a more robust agency in order to become a service provider. Laura Cootsona has been made available through her contract with the Commission to provide board development, governing documents and staffing strategies. Bauer shared that she wants to work closely with CAPC to build their capacity.

Commissioner Boston shared that she has invited CAPC to utilize office space in the Department of Employment and Social Services to provide basic infrastructure, and is taking an amendment to the Board to increase CAPC funding to add \$100,000 to their current operating budget of about \$52,000 annually. She stated that this is a prime opportunity for the Commission to think about how to support the CAPC as an integral community partner, and encouraged the Commission to consider providing additional funding to support CAPC.

Commissioner Ritter asked where the \$100,000 will be coming from. Commissioner Boston explained that the DESS funds were coming from 2011 realignment dollars.

**15**     **Commissioner Announcements**

**INFORMATION**

Commissioner Ritter stated that she has had robust discussion at the public comment portion of the Board of Supervisors meetings, and noted that at the last couple of meetings there have been comments directed at Public Health and First 5 about fluoride, dental care, vaccinations. She recommended the Commission be aware that these types of comments can be brought up during a public comment period. Commissioner Boston asked if Director Bauer was there when the comments were happening. Bauer stated that she was, and there seemed to be some confusion on the part of the commenter about the role of First 5 versus the K-12 system. Commissioner Boston stated that the Commission could be prepared for public comment, and to provide education to a commenter about the role of First 5. Ritter explained that it might be useful to have a statement prepared.

Commissioner Kralj shared that she will be attending Mom Congress and offered to report-back to the Commission. She also expressed her gratitude to the Commission and the members about how the body is moving forward.

**Adjourn. Next regular meeting October 28, 2022**

**The Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.**

**Minutes were approved at the October 28, 2022 regular Commission meeting**

### **Non-Agendized Items**

**Funding approved since the June 24, 2022 Commission meeting:**

[\\$1,300 to Kate and Co., a local videographer to develop custom marketing videos to promote home visiting services and The Village.](#)

**First 5 California/ First 5 Association:**

[First 5 California- Dual Language Learner Pilot Study: Summary of Study Findings \(June 2022\)](#)

[First 5 California- State Level Policy Recommendations to Support Home Visiting Coordination Within California's Early Childhood System of Care \(June 2022\)](#)

[First 5 Center for Children's Policy- The Role of First 5s in Home Visiting: Innovations, Challenges and Opportunities in California \(July 2022\)](#)

**Research and News:**

[Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2022 Kids County Data Book \(Aug 2022\)](#)

**Advocacy and Support:**

Letter to the Food and Drug Administration to encourage the prohibition of flavored cigars.

Letter to the Food and Drug Administration to encourage the prohibition of menthol cigarettes.

Letter to the California Department of Health Care Services in support of Butte County Department of Behavioral Health to acquire facility space to provide counseling and other services to children and youth 0-25, as well as perinatal substance use disorder services.

**Information:**

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Materials:

[Fact Sheet](#)

[Family Guide](#)

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**For Reference:**

[Policies and Procedures](#)

[Commission Bylaws](#)

[FY 2022-2023 Adopted Budget](#)

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