



ADISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT ACTION SUMMARY

December 8, 2023 2:00 PM

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

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

Absent: Kairis Chiaji, Edward Lewis, Alexandria Paige, Silvia Rodriguez, Darla Williams. Fatima Malik attended via Zoom as a non-voting member.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

ACTION: The meeting was called to order at 2:25 PM by Vice-Chair Junior Goris.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Before the meeting was called to order, members participated in a 25 minute ice breaker called 'search and sign'. It allowed members the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about each other.

3. Public Comment and Off-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

4. Approve Minutes from October 13, 2023

ACTION: Motion to approve from Robin Blanks, seconded by Jennifer Mohammad. Katie Andrew and Walter Wyniarczuk abstained. Motion passes.

5. Approve 2024 Meeting Calendar

ACTION: Motion to approve from Carolyn Curtis, seconded by Robin Blanks. Motion passes.

6. Executive Director's Report and October Meeting Debrief

Julie Gallelo debriefed with members on continuing the conversation on the Advisory Committee's role in advancing racial equity with First 5 Sacramento.

Executive Director's Highlights included:

- The November 6, 2023 Commission Meeting
- Update on Sac Family Connect collaboration and website launch
- The funding proposal review process and committee member recruitment
- Living Wage Survey
- REDI +CR staff update
- Children's Fund update
- Child Safety Forward Collaboration

7. Creating the Advisory Committee Meeting Structure

At the October meeting, members participated in an exercise to create a framework for future meetings. The feedback was reviewed, and members provided the following suggestions for future meetings:

- Meet and Greet with Commissioners
- Presentations from contractors
- REDI +CR check-ins
- Teambuilder activities

The following members agreed to create a subcommittee to develop a long-range calendar for 2024: Jennifer Mohammad, Robin Blanks, Maria Lopez and Junior Goris.

8. Member Announcements/Public Comments

Tony Smith made a public apology to the members regarding a controversial inquiry he made about whether or not there is hard evidence that racism is a root cause of poor health outcomes for black women and babies. He stated that his inquiry created discomfort for members and that was not his intention. The members agreed that the Advisory Committee Meetings Agreements and Value Statement will help guide future conversations in a safe space.

Walter Wyniarczuk asked if staff could share with the Commissioners the Advisory Committee's role in advancing racial equity with First 5 Sacramento. Jennifer Mohammad will provide the Committee report at the February 5, 2024 Commission meeting.

Adjourned: 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Maurie

First 5 Sacramento Commission