



AGENDA ITEM: 9
DATE OF MEETING: July 25, 2013
ACTION: X
INFORMATION: _____

**ELECTION OF COMMISSION VICE CHAIR, AND
2013 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

This is a request for the Commission to elect by majority vote a new Vice Chair to fill the current vacancy resulting from the expired term of Commissioner Patrick Duterte, and to approve appointments to the Commission’s standing and ad hoc advisory committees.

BACKGROUND

Article VII of First 5 California’s bylaws states the Vice-Chair will be elected by the voting members of the Commission. The term of office shall be one year, commencing upon the adjournment of the meeting at which they were elected. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair fulfills the role of the Chair and presides at meetings. Additionally, the Commission appoints advisory committees of two members each to provide technical assistance and professional expertise and to assist First 5 California staff with the development of policy and program proposals for consideration by the full Commission. Committee members are appointed by a majority vote of the Commission.¹ It is the Commission’s usual business practice to review the committee appointments at the first meeting of each calendar year, and revise them as necessary. However, when vacancies occur, the Commission can take action as necessary to fill those vacancies during any regular Commission meeting.

DISCUSSION

It is staff’s experience that the current six advisory committees and one ad hoc committee have been beneficial and effective in developing and implementing the Commission’s policy, program, and business agenda. Staff recommends retaining the current standing committees: Executive, Public Education and Outreach, Legislation, Research and Evaluation, Program, Fiscal, along with the ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee.

¹ If the committees are limited to two members and purely advisory in nature, then the committee meetings are not subject to the provisions of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Bagley-Keene)(Government Code, § 11121(c).) However, if a committee is delegated any authority of the full body and exercises that authority, then the meetings of its members must be publicly noticed and accessible pursuant to Bagley-Keene. (Govt. Code, § 11121(b).) Consistent with current practice, staff is not recommending that any advisory committee carry any delegated authority.

Attached is the list of the proposed advisory committees with a description of their responsibilities. The current membership is reflected as outlined below.

Standing Committees	
<i>Executive</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Halvorson, Chair • _____, Vice Chair
<i>Public Education and Outreach</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magdalena Carrasco • _____
<i>Legislation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conway Collis • Casey McKeever
<i>Research and Evaluation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joyce Iseri • _____
<i>Program</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathryn Icenhower • Magdalena Carrasco
<i>Fiscal</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joyce Iseri • Casey McKeever
Ad Hoc Committees	
<i>Strategic Planning</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathryn Icenhower • _____

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Establish a new Vice Chair of the California Children and Families Commission by nominating and then voting to approve a current Commissioner to serve in that role.

Staff also recommends the Commission review the membership and descriptions of the advisory committees, and approve appointments to each.

Attachment

- Commission Vice Chair and Advisory Committee Descriptions



**COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS
JULY 2013**

Standing Committees	
<i>Executive</i>	Reviews and develops Commission meeting agendas, and provides guidance on significant administrative issues and staff activities. Consists of the Commission Chair and Vice Chair. Staffed by the Executive Director.
<i>Public Education and Outreach</i>	Reviews public education and outreach campaigns carried out under Proposition 10, and provides guidance to staff regarding effective communication strategies for hard-to-reach and low-income parents and families of young children. Staffed by the External and Governmental Affairs Deputy Director.
<i>Legislation</i>	Reviews and provides guidance on legislation and budget items within the Commission’s subject matter jurisdiction, including the statutory purposes of Proposition 10 and policies and programs affecting early childhood care and education. Staffed by the External and Governmental Affairs Deputy Director.
<i>Research and Evaluation</i>	Reviews and provides guidance on the Commission’s research and evaluation agenda, consistent with the statutory requirements of Proposition 10, the Commission’s <i>Guiding Principles</i> and the <i>Guidelines for Implementing the Children and Families Act</i> , including studies on early education workforce, high quality preschool, early literacy, and parent interventions. Staffed by the Deputy Director of Results and Evaluation.
<i>Program</i>	Reviews and provides guidance on the Commission’s program agenda, which includes the development and implementation of Signature Programs designed for children, parents, and the early learning workforce, ensuring that the Commission’s <i>Principles on Equity</i> are incorporated in all of First 5 California programs. Staffed by the Deputy Director of the Program Management Division.
<i>Fiscal</i>	Reviews and provides guidance on the fiscal management of First 5 California, including revenue and expenditure projections, and the use of sound accounting principles in the development of budgets and financial statements. Staffed by the Executive Director.

Ad Hoc Committees	
<i>Strategic Planning</i>	Participates in the development of the 2013 Strategic Plan, reviewing input from staff, county commissions, and stakeholders. Provides guidance to staff and the strategic planning consultant. Briefs the Commission on the status of the planning process and presents the draft plan to the Commission for approval. The appointment of the committee will sunset when the 2013 Strategic Plan is approved by the Commission. Staffed by the Executive Director.

ROLE OF COMMISSION VICE CHAIR

The Vice Chair of the First 5 California Children and Families Commission is elected by the voting members of the State Commission for a term of one year. In the absence of the Commission Chair, the Vice Chair fulfills the role of Chair and presides at meetings.