



California Children and Families Commission Meeting

May 9, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 – Opening Remarks

Dr. Nadine Burke Harris called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Nadine Burke Harris
Molly Munger
Lori Risso
Mayra Alvarez
Shana Hazan
Jackie Majors
Elsa Jimenez

Ex Officio Member Present: Kris Perry

Announcements

Chair Burke Harris introduced Giannina Pérez as the new Chair of the California Children and Families Commission, and offered her the opportunity to say a few words to the Commission and the public before being sworn in.

Ms. Pérez opened her remarks by saying she is honored and humbled to be able to serve on the Commission. She talked about how she has long admired the work of First 5 California (F5CA), and noted that she is excited to help build stronger collaboration between F5CA, Governor Newsom's Administration, and all the advocates working hard for California's young children and their families.

Agenda Item 2 – Swearing in of New Commission Chair

The outgoing Chair Burke Harris swore in Giannina Pérez as F5CA's new Commission Chair.

Staff played a video from the First Partner, Jennifer Siebel-Newsom, in which she congratulates Chair Pérez on her appointment to the Commission.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

Sarah Neville-Morgan, Deputy Superintendent, California Department of Education (CDE): Ms. Neville-Morgan noted she is looking forward to strengthening the partnership between F5CA and the CDE. She thanked Dr. Burke Harris and Member Perry for their service on the Commission, in addition to their years of work in the early education and health field.

Dr. Burke Harris: Chair Burke Harris offered parting words to the Commission, emphasizing the importance of the work F5CA does, especially in the wake of the global pandemic and other trauma families have experienced in the past couple years. She ended by stating how grateful she feels to have been a part of the work to center conversations around equity and the wellbeing of all families.

Action Item 4 – Adjournment

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MOTION/ACTION: Chair Pérez moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jimenez.

VOTE: The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Chair Pérez adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

The next scheduled Commission meeting is May 31, 2022.