



MINUTES
FIRST 5 RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Commission and Advisory Committee Finance Workshop
Wednesday, October 22, 2025
11:30 AM

First 5 Riverside County
585 Technology Ct
Riverside, California 92507

Workshop session—informational only

Commissioners Present: Supervisor Chuck Washington (Chair), Jose Campos (Vice Chair), Charity Douglas, Zachary Ginder, Edwin Gomez, Cheryl-Marie Hansberger, Elizabeth Romero (arrived at 12:30 p.m.), Kimberly Saruwatari (arrived at 11:40 a.m.), and Takashi Wada.

Advisory Committee Members Present: Kari Middleton-Hendrix, Malinda Margiotta, Angel Anton, Antonia Eli Mast, Jiles Smith, and Neftali Galarza-Toledo

Advisory Committee Members Absent: Agam Patel, Helena Lopez, and Saovaros Diehl-Hope

Advisory Committee Members Vacancy: District II

Administrative Staff Present: Tammi Graham, Executive Director; Charna Widby, Assistant Director; Michael Knight, Assistant Director; Patricia Perez, Deputy Director; Lynn Stephens, Executive Assistant IV; Carol Abella, Regional Manager; Larissa Wills, Regional Manager; Estella Briceno, Regional Manager; Charity Webb, Regional Manager; Sean Pravica, Senior Public Information Specialist; Michelle Rodriguez, Public Information Specialist; Martina Guevara, Commission Coordinator; Hui (Seraphina) Wang, Principal Accountant; Yolanda Bernal, Contracts & Grants Analyst; Marinus (Rens) Van Eenennaam, Contracts & Grants Analyst; Victor Lopez, Business Process Analyst II; Luis Garcia, Business Process Analyst II; Sumaiya Mahjabin, Business Process Analyst II; Jennifer Delany, Administrative Services Analyst II.

Legal Counsel: Kristine Bell-Valdez, Supervising Deputy County Counsel

- A. **Call to Order – Supervisor Chuck Washington, Commission Chair**
 1. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Gomez
 2. Roll Call – Lynn Stephens, Executive Assistant IV

- B. **Public Comments (for items not listed on the agenda) – Supervisor Chuck Washington, Chair**
None.

C. Commission and Advisory Committee Business – Supervisor Chuck Washington, Chair

1. Oath of Office was administered to Commissioner Cheryl-Marie Hansberger and Advisory Committee Member Neftali by Breanna Smith, Clerk of the Board Executive Assistant.
2. Commissioner Comments
None.

(Commissioner Saruwatari arrived at 11:40 a.m.)

D. Presentation/Information Items — Supervisor Chuck Washington, Chair (A copy of all Presentation/Information items and attachments can be viewed at www.rccfc.org and at the Commission Business Office.)

1. Welcome — Tammi Graham, Executive Director
Ms. Graham welcomed the audience and highlighted the day's events, then turned the floor over to Ms. Widby.

Ms. Widby provided an introduction of the presenters and an overview of today's finance workshop activities.

Chair Reflection & Stress-Test Commissioners and the Advisory Committee engaged in discussion while completing them between presentations.

2. Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) Presentation — Bridgette Hernandez (DPSS), on behalf of the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP), with remarks by Charna Widby (First 5 Assistant Director).
 - Introducing OCAP
 - A Full Stream Approach to Prevention
 - Foundational Partners in Prevention
 - An Expanded Cohesive Prevention Network
 - Current initiatives with F5RC
 - Family First Prevention (FFPSA) Funding Streams
 - Save the Date: The 1st Annual Child Abuse Prevention Summit, April 30, 2026.

Commissioner Douglas requested the dollar amount for Title IV-E. Ms. Hernandez will obtain the amount and provide it to Ms. Widby. Ms. Widby clarified that under the Title IV-E match, only five evidence-based practices are eligible for funding, and she identified four that First 5 is already implementing.

Vice Chair Campos asked what the fifth practice is. Ms. Widby responded that the fifth practice is Functional Family Therapy.

Chair Washington asked whether the Title IV-E match was County match funds, and Ms. Widby confirmed it was.

3. Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) Presentation — Jennifer L. Beggs, Executive Director, Early Care and Education, Division of Early Education Services, and Charna Widby, First 5 Assistant Director

Ms. Beggs provided highlights on

- Early Education Services Overview
- Early Childhood Education (ECE) Program Budget Revenue for 2025-26
- Early Education Programs (EEP) Budget Revenue for 2025-26
- Migrant Head Start Program (MSHSP) Budget Revenue for 2025-26
- Highlights of the Partnership with First 5 Riverside County

Commissioner Saruwatari inquired about federal funding. Ms. Beggs responded that 20% of the funds are federal; Head Start is 100% federally funded; Early Care and Education is funded at an 80/20 split; and Migrant programs are 100% federally funded.

(Commissioner Romero arrived at 12:30 p.m.)

4. Prop 10 Revenue Trends and Forecast Presentation — Brad Williams, Senior Partner, Capital Matrix Consulting, and Charna Widby, First 5 Assistant Director

Mr. Williams provided key highlights

- Proposition 10 Revenue Forecasts (\$ Millions)
- California Cigarette Distributions by Fiscal Year (Annual Taxable Packages Distributed)
- National Smoking Rates by Calendar Year (American Lung Association Estimates)
- Average Annual Percent Change In Cigarette Distributions During Policy Changes and in Subsequent Years
- Monthly Declines In Cigarette Revenues Have Subsided (Year-to-Year Percent Change)
- California OTP Sales by Fiscal Year
- First 5 Riverside County Proposition 10 Revenue Forecasts (\$ Millions)

Takeaways

Commissioner Douglas commented on the importance of exploring leverage opportunities, including support for child care workforce recruitment through DPSS. She emphasized addressing families' basic needs, referencing Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, and noted that early education for children under five is critical. She suggested digging deeper into directing funding upstream and finding additional ways to coordinate and strengthen funding across initiatives.

Commissioner Ginder discussed leverage opportunities, including integrating with other funding sources and collaborating with other programs. He noted the challenge of "phantom funds" and emphasized the need to prioritize financial stability. He suggested considering increasing reserves to maintain current programs as Proposition 10 funding declines.

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E. **Adjournment:** Adjournment at 1:00 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Children and Families Commission to be held on October 22, 2025, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at:

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585 Technology Court - Conference Room A
Riverside, CA 92507

Meeting Minutes Recorded by Lynn M. Stephens, Executive Assistant IV.

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