



The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 14th day of May 2025 at International House, 10 College Park, Davis 95616.

Commissioners in attendance: Lucas Frerichs, Sally Brown, Nichole Arnold, Garth Lewis, Jenn Rexroad, Aimee Sisson, Melissa Roberts and Anna Domek attended via Zoom.

Staff in attendance:

Gina Daleiden, Victoria Zimmerle, Phil Pogledich

Public in attendance: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Item #1: Call to order

L. Frerichs called the meeting to order at 3:08pm.

Item # 2: Introductions and Roll Call

L. Frerichs took a voice roll call.

Absent: B. Boehler

Late: Jenn Rexroad

Item #3: Consider approval of the agenda

Approve meeting agenda

Motion: S. Brown **Second:** N. Arnold

Motion carried unanimously

Item #4: Opportunity for Commissioners to State Conflict and Recusal

None

Item # 5: Public Comment

Public comment: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Executive Director recommends approval of Consent Agenda Items 6-9

Item #6: Approve First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting Minutes from 03/12/2025

Item #7: Receive Sponsorship Fund Allocations Report (Yolo County Library- Summer Reading Series)



Item #8: Authorize Increase of \$5,000 to County of Yolo Satellite Finance MOU for a Maximum Compensation Not to Exceed \$15,000 through June 30, 2025

Item #9: Authorize Increase of \$15,000 to Ten2Eleven Managed Database Services Contract for a Maximum Compensation Not to Exceed of \$85,000

Approve Consent Agenda Items 6-9.

Motion: N. Arnold **Second:** G. Lewis
Motion carried unanimously

REGULAR AGENDA

Item #10: **Public Hearing:** Accept the Amended First 5 California Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

G. Daleiden noted that the Commission approved the First 5 California Report at the March 2025 Commission meeting. Upon further review by First 5 California staff, the program and financial data was adjusted to correct errors. A link to the amended Report is included on the coversheet for this item. In an effort to ensure the fullest compliance with First 5 statutes, the item is being returned to the Commission for approval of the amended Report.

Open Public Hearing: 3:11pm
Public Comment: None
Close Public Hearing: 3:11pm

Commissioners noted that the changes in the amended Report from the State are difficult to discern as the changes are not noted or highlighted in the final document.

Accept the Amended First 5 California Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24

Motion: G. Lewis **Second:** J. Rexroad
Motion carried unanimously

Item #11: Accept Quarter 3 Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Revenue and Expenditure Year-to-Date Summary Report

V. Zimmerle reviewed the Quarter 3 Fiscal Year 2024-25 Revenue and Expenditure Report noting that revenue and expenditure projections for year-end are becoming more clear as Quarter 3 closes. Additionally, per process staff are also recommending budget changes to reflect actions taken by the Commission in items 8-9 on the Consent Agenda and a request to shift a portion of unspent Professional Services funds into the Operations category of the Budget to support higher than budgeted County of Yolo Department of Financial Services fiscal charges and to increase funds available for training to support targeted staff development efforts.



Currently the Commission is projecting a contribution to fund balance at year-end. After the close of the Fiscal Year, staff will provide a recommendation to the Commission about allocation of those funds into the various reserves held by the Commission. G. Daleiden highlighted the further reduction in Proposition 10 revenue projections received from First 5 California in April 2025, noting that this reduction is challenging but not surprising. As funding reduces, the Commission will either need to secure additional funds to maintain the scope of current multi-year initiatives or reduce scale, which would have implications for countywide services.

Commissioners discussed and asked questions about revenues and potential impacts to the Commission from federal actions. G. Daleiden noted that there are no anticipated changes to most of the multi-year grants; however, there is some concern, based on the May revise, related to the CalWORKs Home Visiting Program. The impact of this is currently unclear and unfolding. The First 5 Association and some Executive Directors will be meeting with CDSS to discuss further.

L. Frerichs noted the May Revise was released today and much of the potential cuts surround Medi-Cal and In-Home Supportive Services. Given the State's large budget deficit, there are many conversations to come to determine how cuts are applied in an effort to do the least amount of harm.

Accept Quarter 3 Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Revenue and Expenditure Year-to-Date Summary Report

Motion: S. Brown **Second:** N. Arnold
Motion carried unanimously

Item #12: Review First 5 Yolo Fiscal Year 2023/24-2027/28 Strategic Plan Annual Update Draft

G. Daleiden reminded Commissioners that each year the current Strategic Plan is reviewed and minor updates are made. In particular, the Commission List is updated to reflect current Commissioners. There are small updates to the sustainability section and the Funding Plan, which attaches to the Strategic Plan, as well as updates to the letter from the Commission Chair, as requested by the Chair. Any updates to the letter from the Commission Chair will be presented at the June meeting and the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Funding Plan will be reviewed in the next item.

Item #13: Review and Accept Proposed Fiscal Year 2025/26 Funding Plan

G. Daleiden reviewed the proposed Funding Plan and noted that there may be small updates to the numbers when it is brought back in June, for final adoption, if there are any changes or shifts in grants, etc. The Plan includes First 5 Yolo 3 main –initiatives, as well as a couple targeted contracts, mainly with Yolo Crisis Nursery, whose work is closely aligned with First 5 Yolo's initiatives and Strategic Plan. First 5 California is renewing the Impact Legacy grant for one – year; however, the renewal included a 10% cut. As a result, the Commission had to scale back programming and focus-in on the required components of the RFA. The final Funding Plan will be brought to the June Commission meeting for final adoption.

Accept Proposed Fiscal Year 2025/26 Funding Plan

Motion: N. Arnold

Second: M. Roberts

Motion carried unanimously

Item #14: Executive Director Report

G. Daleiden provided the following announcements:

- In April, all First 5 Yolo staff participated in a Professional Development session with Finding Strengths. All the feedback received from staff was positive, and it was interesting to see the varying strengths of staff, areas of overlap, and areas where staff are very distinct. In the coming months, additional “Power of Two” sessions will be held for some staff who work very closely together.
- June 3, G. Daleiden will deliver her annual report to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors at their public meeting. During the presentation, she will update the board, per local policy, on the Commission’s Strategic Plan, Funding Plan and First 5 Yolo’s major initiatives. Commissioners are welcome to share any specific requested advocacy points they would like addressed to the Board in advance of the presentation.
- Staff recently submitted an application for the one-year extension of the First 5 California Impact Legacy Grant, as discussed in the previous item.

In early May, F5Y submitted a PATH CITED application to support the Commission’s work in fully launching ECM, with a particular focus on Help Me Grow and the changes needed to the program to maximize the funding stream, as well as the work to deploy First 5 Yolo’s own ECM Care Manager, Dominique McCoy, who has been training and will soon be ready to begin more intensive service provision. Staff expect to hear whether the application is funded in the Fall.

Item# 15: Commissioner Reports

- A. Domek shared that she and several others attended YCOE’s Roadmap to the Future Leadership Session. A great update about the Youth Assessment was provided in which 8 needs were identified for youth across Yolo County, many of which overlap with First 5 and its goals. She encourages all Commissioners to read the full Report.
- G. Lewis thanked A. Domek for sharing her perspective on the event. Over 80 people attended the event with representation from all corners of the County and from multiple sectors. He shared that the main insight from the day is that there are a great number of amazing programs and events available to children, youth and families; however, there isn’t always a great way to coordinate efforts which may lead to missing out on the compounding effect that could be achieved through stronger coordinated efforts. The goal is to launch a couple of tools/activities to support coordination. First, the Collaborative Action hub is a database for providers and partners to share their work publicly and identify how it aligns with the needs assessment. It also includes the ability to share grant opportunities. Secondly, 4 workgroups will be launching in September 2025 with a focus on areas aligned with the roadmap: 1) setting up childcare for implementation of the mixed delivery model; 2) supporting transitions to young adulthood for Transition Age Youth aged 16-24; 3) strategies to help sustain the Community Schools efforts across the County beyond the one-time investments from the State; and 4) a systems navigation group with specific emphasis on ensuring families and providers



are aware of the supports and services available, working towards closed loop referral, and supporting case management practices across the spectrum.

- G. Lewis also shared an update on Head Start funding noting that Yolo County Office of Education received confirmation of the State's intent to "flat-fund" Head Start for Fiscal Year 2025-26, which is being taken with cautious optimism that funding will be available for Head Start. YCOE has notified their staff and families that the grant has been submitted and there has been some back and forth with the Office of Head Start, as is normal process. G. Lewis noted that communication has been somewhat delayed because on April 1, the Office of Head Start closed 5 offices. In late June, YCOE expects to receive the award notice and staff are working to develop contingencies in the event full funding doesn't come through to support the 350 children participating in Head Start in Yolo County.
- A. Sisson shared that Yolo County HHSA announced its new incoming Director, Mónica Morales. Ms. Morales previously served as Director of the Health and Human Services Agency of the County of Santa Cruz. A. Sisson shared her excitement to have Ms. Morales on board as she brings lots of public and behavioral health experience, as well as experience with child welfare and service centers. Ms. Morales will start on June 4, 2025. A. Sisson also shared that the HHSA Adult and Aging Branch Director, Samantha Fusselman, will be leaving. HHSA will be doing some temporary functional restructuring within CYF and Adult and Aging to support in the interim. Lastly, HHSA is experiencing budget challenges, particularly for MHSA and realignment funding. Staff are also anticipating further complication given the already challenging budget outlook.
- L. Frerichs shared that he was in Washington D.C. last week for the annual Cap-to-Cap, in which approximately 450 leaders from the Sacramento region engaged with members of Congress and federal agencies. He noted that there were many discussions around Head Start and across political spectrums, geographies, and jurisdiction sizes, there was a lot of advocacy in speaking about the benefits of Head Start. He noted that the general sense is that Head Start is safe in the coming budget year with flat funding but no drastic cuts or elimination.
- L. Frerichs also shared that a week ago, Yolo Crisis Nursery held a grand opening for its new building. They have moved from a small ~1,400 sq ft home into an ~10,000 sq ft building and noted it was made possible by the naming gift from Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. He offered his thanks to the Tribe, Tribal Counsel, and M. Roberts for their generosity. L. Frerich also acknowledged the many local jurisdictions, including First 5 Yolo and Yolo County who contributed to the project. Yolo Crisis Nursery recently shared their updated impact report, which highlights the significant reach it has in serving children across the entire County.
- N. Arnold shared that she is working on arranging some new furniture and storage in the First 5 Yolo office to make it a more usable and functional space.

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 3:58pm.

Next meeting scheduled:



Commission Meeting
June 11, 2025
International House
10 College Park, Davis, CA 95616