



**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, February 28, 2024  
County Center III, Room 3  
917 Oakdale Road, Modesto, CA**

**Commissioners Present:** Vito Chiesa, David Cooper, Dr. Daniel Diep, Christine Huber, Mary Ann Lilly-Tengowski (Chair), Keri Magee, Dr. Thea Papasozomenos, Nelly Paredes-Walsborn (Vice Chair)

**Commissioners Absent:** NA

**Staff Present:** Dr. Shameram Karim, Veronica Ascencio, Sonia Ramirez

**Counsel Present:** Thomas Boze

1. Chair Lilly-Tengowski called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Announcement of Commissioner Recusals – It was discussed that the commission would be voting on a contract that required recusal from commissioner Jordan.
4. Public Comment Period (Limit of 5 minutes per person) – None
5. Consent Calendar  
Cooper/Paredes-Walsborn (7,0) approved the Consent Calendar  
A. Miscellaneous
  1. Approved the January 23, 2024 Commission Meeting Minutes
6. Discussion Items  
A. Vito/Cooper (7,0) authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an Agreement with Stanislaus County Office of Education for the Healthy Start Program
7. Commissioner Reports  
**Commissioner Cooper:** Early Child Education Conference held February 24, 2024. was successful. First 5 partnered with Stanislaus Office of Education.  
**Executive Director, Shammy Karim:** The event was well received by community members, 155 participated.
8. Staff Reports  
**Executive Director, Shammy Karim:** Stephanie Loomis, last day with First 5 was February 23, 2024. Currently working on job posting.
9. Commission Meeting Adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

10. Strategic Planning Retreat began at 9:14 a.m.

**Commissioner Jordan joined the Meeting at 11:23 a.m.**

**Commissioner Lilly-Tengowski left the Meeting at 12:05 p.m.**

**Commissioner Diep joined the Meeting at 1:10 p.m.**

**Commissioner Chiesa left the Meeting at 1:26 p.m.**

**Commissioner Lilly-Tengowski joined the Meeting at 1:31 p.m.**

11. Strategic Planning Retreat was held. Commissioners and staff discussed the Commission's Vision, Mission, Values, Principles, Roles, and next steps.

12. Adjournment at 3:19 p.m.