



January 28, 2021

ACTION ITEM

**SUBJECT: ELECTION OF 2021 COMMISSION VICE CHAIR AND
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE

This is a request for the Commission to elect a Vice Chair and to approve assignments to the Commission's standing advisory committees.

RECOMMENDATION

First 5 California staff recommends the Commission elect a Vice Chair and approve Commissioners to each advisory committee.

BACKGROUND OF KEY ISSUES

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 generally approves 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 approved by a majority vote of the Commission.¹

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).)

The current advisory committee assignments are as follows:

Standing Committees	
<i>Executive</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadine Burke Harris, Chair • Vacant, Vice Chair
<i>Public Education and Outreach</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackie Majors • Shana Hazan • Kris Perry
<i>Legislative</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shana Hazan • Vacant
<i>Research and Evaluation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica Fitzgerald • Mayra Alvarez
<i>Program</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molly Munger • Jackie Majors
<i>Fiscal</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molly Munger • Shana Hazan
<i>Strategic Planning</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molly Munger • Vacant

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

It is the Commission’s usual business practice to review the committee assignments 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.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Commission Advisory Committee Descriptions – January 2021