



October 24, 2019

ACTION ITEM

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR, AND APPROVAL OF ASSIGNMENT TO THE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE

Due to a new appointment to the Commission, this is a request for the Commission to elect a Vice Chair, and to approve an assignment to the Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

First 5 California staff recommends the Commission elect a Vice Chair, and approve an assignment to the Research and Evaluation 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 typically elects 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 elected by a majority vote of the Commission.¹ Due to a new appointment to the Commission, the Vice Chair and one position on the Research and Evaluation Committee are open.

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).) Consistent with current practice, staff is not recommending that any advisory committee carry any delegated authority.

The Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee currently includes Commissioner Fitzgerald. The following is an overview of the Committee:

- Reviews and provides guidance on the Commission's research and evaluation agenda, consistent with the statutory requirements of Proposition 10, the Commission's *Guiding Principles*, and the *Guidelines for Implementing the Children and Families Act*, including studies on early education workforce, high-quality preschool, early literacy, and parent interventions. Staffed by the Deputy Director of the Evaluation Office.

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

None.