

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Early Childhood Development Commission
October 20, 2021
12:14 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Early Childhood Development Commission was held Wednesday, October 20, 2021, in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers of the Juanita Helms Administration Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

ROLL CALL

There were present appearing telephonically:

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| Melissa Charlie | Jennifer Randall |
| Mary Willey | Pam Walker, Vice-Chair |
| Meredith Maple, Chair | |

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, and

Alexis Fackeldey, Administrative Assistant III, Clerk
Eric Holland, Health and Social Services Administrator

Excused

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| Ivane Saenz | Joanne Spears |
| Rebecca Wachter | |

MESSAGES

1.a. Citizen's Comments on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing.

NONE

1.b. Citizen's Comments on items other than those appearing on the agenda.

NONE

2. Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest

NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

RANDALL,
Seconded by WALKER

moved to approve the agenda and consent
agenda as read.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

Yeses: Charlie, Walker, Willey, Randall, Maple

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 5 Yeses, 0 Noes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *Early Childhood Development Commission Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2021.

Without objection this measure was read by title and approved under the consent agenda.

REPORTS

1. Staff Report by Eric Holland, Health and Social Services Administrator

Eric Holland, Health and Social Services Administrator, announced the departure of Commissioner Ivane Saenz due to relocation. Mr. Holland stated there are two commission seats now vacant and suggested the commissioners recruit new commissioners if they know of someone suitable for the position. Mr. Holland stated the health screening was a successful event despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Holland said he has gotten feedback about the Fairbanks Family Partnership Fall meeting and that people desire it be held.

2. Children's Health Screening Event Draft Report

Mr. Holland provided an update on the success of the Children's Health Screening Event which was held at the Fairbanks Native Association's Head Start. Mr. Holland stated that there were twelve full hearing tests performed at the Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinic. Mr. Holland also iterated that the Eye Clinic of Fairbanks did fifteen eye screens, and Otter Dental did seventeen dental screenings. Mr. Holland said there were a few lessons learned in this process, but it seemed to go well despite the challenges presented.

Commissioner Walker stated that the sack lunches were a big hit with both the children and parents at the event.

REPORTS - continued

Chair Maple suggested one of the volunteers at the event join the commission. Commissioner Walker stated that it would mean two people from her office would be out and that might not be possible.

Commissioner Randall said that though things took longer than expected it was a good event.

Mr. Holland praised the Fairbanks Native Association's staff and volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Recognition and Appreciation of Children's Health Screening Event Partners

Mr. Holland wanted to thank the Fairbanks Native Association as their facilities were optimal for the event. The Eye Clinic of Fairbanks; the Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinic; Otter Dental; and the Fairbanks Regional Public Health Center would all be getting a thank you. Mr. Holland stated these facilities would be getting a thank you card from the Mayor's Office.

Commissioner Charlie stated that the Fairbanks Native Association was happy to host the event.

2. Discussion of Fairbanks Families Partnership Fall Meeting

Mr. Holland outlined the discussion of the naming of the meeting and the determination to call it the Fairbanks Families Partnership Fall Conference. Mr. Holland stated the group does not decide anything and solicited nominations of speakers for the event from the commission. Mr. Holland said the purpose of the meeting is for the partnership to provide updates to each other and the commission.

Chair Maple asked what time the event would be held. Mr. Holland stated it was traditionally held at nine a.m. Chair Maple stated she had a conflict for that time and Mr. Holland asked if the rest of the commission would be able to attend.

Mr. Holland stated the Early Childhood Development Commission meeting itself could be held at the regular time of noon.

Mr. Holland said that the meeting and conference will be held via Zoom.

EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES

NONE

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Early Childhood Development Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

APPROVED: November 17, 2021