COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
Commissioners:
Nancy Au
Jane Boeckmann
Jonathan Fielding (Vice Chair)
Neal Kaufman
Marvin Southard (Arrived @ 3:28 pm)
Evangelina Stockwell
Corina Villaraigosa
Zev Yaroslavsky (Chair)

Ex-Officio Commissioners:
Jacquelyn McCroskey (Arrived @ 3:20 pm)
Deanne Tilton
Harriette Williams

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:
Commissioners:
Carolyn Wilder (Excused)

STAFF PRESENT:
Evelyn V. Martinez, Executive Director
Carol Baker, Director of Public Affairs
Anthony Bellanca, Finance Director
Yolanda Bosch, Director of Grants Management & Legal Compliance
Armando Jimenez, Director of Research & Evaluation
Teresa Nuno, Director of Planning & Development
Maria Romero, Executive Assistant

LEGAL COUNSEL:
Craig Steele, Attorney-at-Law

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:
1. Chair Yaroslavsky called the meeting to order at 3:16 pm.

CONSENT CALENDAR: (Items 2 – 3)

The last paragraph on page six of the draft meeting minutes from the Commission meeting of September 20, 2007 was amended by Commissioner Au to read as follows:

Commissioner Au commented that this discussion took place in the workgroup meeting and believed that the Commission move forward on this venture carefully since lessons learned have showed that the Commission should not invest a large amount of revenue in a program that has not been fully tested.

The word “not” was inserted after the phrase “the Commission should” in the revised text.

M/S (Jonathan Fielding / Evangelina Stockwell) APPROVED AS AMENDED
3. Approval of Monthly Financials

M/S (Jonathan Fielding / Nancy Au) APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

COMMISSION: (Items 4 - 9)

4. Announcements by the Commission Chair

RECEIVED

5. Presentation of Plaque

Matt Rezvani was not able to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

6. Executive Director's Report

RECEIVED AND FILED

In addition to the written report, Executive Director Martinez reported on the following Commission-related issues:

- **First 5 LA – La Opinion Partnership:** First 5 LA will be partnering with La Opinion on a regional literacy campaign with a focus on encouraging parents to read to children from 0-5 years with a specific emphasis on age 3. As part of the partnership, La Opinion will be developing an insert that would promote the literacy concept for toddlers and be distributed in the La Opinion publication throughout the month of November.

- **Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) Partnership:** After months of research and work by staff, the decision has been made to not move forward with the AECF strategic partnership to implement the Leadership in Action Program (LAP) at this time due to the inability of reaching an agreement with AECF on the use the available data on the recommended RPI of childhood obesity. AECF expressed concern that they did not have enough context and understanding of the childhood obesity issue, the Los Angeles County communities, and the system of service delivery within LA County.

In response to the presented Executive Director’s Report, a member of the audience, Gary Mangiofico, LAUP Chief Executive Officer, made comments on the LAUP ECERS Policy Issue included in the report.

Dr. Mangiofico commented that in spite of the recommendation of the Operations Committee, the Commission should consider holding this item over to a future Commission meeting where there could be a hearing and discussion on it. After discussion, Chair Yaroslavsky suggested forming an informal working group to further discuss this issue. He asked any interested Commissioners to coordinate with Executive Director Martinez.


Jim Godsey from Macias Gini & O’Connell presented the Independent Auditor’s Report for FY 2006-2007. The report includes an unqualified opinion stating that the financial statements fairly present, in all material respects, the financial position of the Commission
as of June 30, 2007 and the changes in the financial position for the year ended June 30, 2007. However, the report identified one finding of non-compliance related to the Commission’s policies and procedures for contracting and procurement.

In the auditor’s report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and On Compliance and Matters Based on An Audit of Financial Statements, there were no identifiable deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting and its operation that could be considered to be material weaknesses.

M/S (Jonathan Fielding / Jane Boeckmann)  APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

8. Approval of the 2006-2007 Annual Report to First 5 California (State Commission)

Director Jimenez reported that each year staff prepares two versions of the Annual Report: 1) a report to the State Commission that provides fiscal and programmatic information in response to a Commission-designated template, and 2) a “user-friendly” report that is distributed to all First 5 LA stakeholders and includes the Commission’s annual financial report, as well as significant activities and accomplishments for the year.

The State Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2006-07 (July 1, 2006 –June 30, 2007) is due to First 5 California (State Commission) by Thursday, November 1, 2007 and is comprised of three sections: 1) County Commission Narrative; 2) Fiscal and Service Data; 3) School Readiness Program Evaluation.

First 5 LA staff will submit the entire report electronically via the PDF forms provided by the State Commission.

M/S (Jonathan Fielding / Marv Southard)  APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED

9. Public Comment

Doug Cragoe

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for:

November 8, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room
750 N. Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA  90012

Meeting minutes recorded by Maria Romero.