Fresno EOC
Head Start
0 to 5

COUNTY-WIDE POLICY COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 3, 2026
5:30 P.M. – Dinner
6:00 P.M. – Meeting

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AGENDA

		Presenter	Motion	Page
I.	CALL TO ORDER	Justine Avina		
II.	ROLL CALL	Princesa Gomez Gallegos		
III.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Justine Avina	Approval	
IV.	FRESNO EOC PROGRAM REPORT – DENTAL SERVICES	Rhoda Howell/ Iris Martinez	Information	
V.	COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 2026	Community Reps.	Information	
VI.	FRESNO EOC COMMISSIONERS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2026	Aldo Alvarado Rebolledo	Approval	
VII.	MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATUS REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026	Jacob Avina	Approval	
VIII.	IN-KIND MONTHLY STATUS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2026	Alison Tatem	Information	
IX.	ACTION ITEMS			
	A. Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Reports For September 2026	Justine Avina	Approval	
	B. Head Start 0 to 5 Program Update Report (PUR) For September 2026	Michael Balderas	Approval	
	C. Appointment of Standing Committee Chairpersons	Justine Avina	Approval	
	D. County-Wide Policy Council Appointment of the Early Head Start Home Based Representative for the 2026-2027 Program Year	Justine Avina	Approval	
	E. County-Wide Policy Council Appointment of the Early Head Start Center Based Representative for the 2026-2027 Program Year	Justine Avina	Approval	
	F. Five Year Program Goals	Michael Balderas	Approval	
X.	INFORMATIONAL ITEMS			
	A. Full Enrollment Initiative	Sara Juarez	Information	
	B. Personnel Committee Report for September 2026	Justine Avina	Information	
	C. Community Representative Recommendation for the 2026-2027 Program Year	Alfonso Lopez	Information	
XI.	PARENT COMMENTS			
	(This is an opportunity for parents to address the CWPC and staff on related matters that are not listed on the agenda. Limit of three (3) minutes per speaker.)			
XII.	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Justine Avina	Information	
	A. November 11, 2026 – Veteran's Day Holiday – No School			
	B. November 18, 2026 – Positive Solutions for Families			
	C. November 26, 27, 2026 – Thanksgiving Break – Head Start 0 to 5 – No School			
	D. December 1, 2026 – Next County-Wide Policy Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. – Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.			
XIII.	ADJOURNMENT	Justine Avina	Approval	

COUNTY-WIDE POLICY COUNCIL (CWPC)
MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2026

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Justine Avina, Chairperson.
ROLL CALL	Roll Call was called by Justine Avina. The following Representatives were present: Justine Avina, Princesa Gomez Gallegos, Destiney Rodriguez, Michella Smith, Yaricza Ibarra, Ronneisha Louis, Malijiah Jaime, Isa Watson, Marianna Mena, Ariann East, Vanessa Lozano, Aranzi Contreas, Joanna Aguilar, Miriam Verlarde, Christopher Cruz, Azucena Rodriguez, Jacob Avina, Samantha Gonzalez, Xochilt Barojas Morales, Emily Montes, Prisila Ordaz, Margarita Diaz, Aundree Rodriguez, Raul Garcia, Erika Cortez, Joann Espinoza, Amanda Cruz, Dafne Rolon Loza, Domenica Goff and Jimi Roders.
APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS CWPC MINUTES	Motion to approve September 1, 2026, CWPC Minutes as written and read was made by Raul Garcia and seconded by Joann Espinoza. Motion carried. Motion to approve September 17, 2026, Executive Board Minutes as written and read was made by Joann Espinoza and seconded by Domenica Goff. Motion carried.
FRESNO EOC PROGRAM REPORT – TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT	Patrick Turner, Director of Training & Employment, shared information about food distribution locations throughout Fresno County, including Parlier, Mendota, Cantua Creek, Sanger, Orange Cove, Pinedale, and the EOC LCC office. Distributions in Parlier take place two Fridays per month, while Mendota and Cantua Creek have distributions once a month. The EOC LCC office holds distributions on the third Thursday of each month. Dates are available on the organization's website. The program is open to everyone, with no income requirements, and typically provides fresh fruits and vegetables. Patrick also discussed the Local Conservation Corps (LCC), which serves young adults ages 18–25 by offering educational and paid work opportunities. Participants can work toward earning their high school diplomas while gaining hands-on experience in forestry, chainsaw skills, basic firefighting, river conservation, and trail building. Additionally, Patrick shared information about Valley Apprenticeship opportunities related to high-speed rail. A school in Selma provides training and support to help individuals prepare for employment opportunities in the high-speed rail industry.
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS FOR OCTOBER 2026	Nothing to report at this time.
FRESNO EOC COMMISSIONERS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2026	Nothing to report at this time. Motion to approve the Fresno EOC Board of Commissioners Report for August 2026 as written and read was made by Joann Espinoza and seconded by Raul Garcia. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATUS REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2026

Joann Espinoza, CWPC Treasurer, stated staff recommend CWPC approval for the Monthly Financial Status Reports for August 2026.

This report shows expenditures for the Head Start (HS)/Early Head Start (EHS) Program Basic and Trainings & Technical Assistance budgets for the month of August 2026 which also includes credit card expenses for the month of August 2026 as required by the Head Start Act of December 12, 2007.

This funding supports personnel and operating expenses totaling $47,878,031 ($38,748,724 – HS, $323,827 – HS T&TA, $8,632,109 – EHS, $173,371 – EHS T&TA), and the Non-Federal Share match is $11,969,509, ($9,768,138 – HS; $2,201,371 – EHS) for the fiscal year.

Motion to approve the Monthly Financial Status Reports for August 2026 was made by Destiny Rodriguez and seconded by Prisila Ordaz. Motion carried.

IN-KIND MONTHLY STATUS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2026

Alison Tatem, HS Finance Manager, informed Representatives that the supporting documents attached are intended to keep the CWPC apprised of the In-Kind Monthly Status Report for August 2026.

The In-Kind Monthly Status Report for the month of August 2026 consists of $220,387 for HS, which is accumulated by classroom and non-classroom volunteer services, consultants, goods, foster grandparents, PACT Time, and space. EHS's In-Kind Summary for the month of August 2026 is $420,693 which is accumulated by classroom and non-classroom volunteer services, home activities, literacy/growing readers, consultants, goods and space.

The annual Non-Federal Share requirement for HS 0 to 5 is $11,969,509. Year-to-date In-Kind contributions through August 2026 total $4,356,803 ($4,365,916 HS and $4,356,803 EHS), meeting 73% of the total annual match requirement.

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE (ADA) REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2026

Justine Avine, CWPC Chairperson, informed the CWPC of the ADA Reports for the month of August 2026 for Head Start 0 to 5. HS's monthly ADA for August 2026 for Center Based was 89.05%. Head Start Home Based home visits completed were 198. EHS's monthly ADA for August 2026 for Center Based was 82.64%. Total EHS Home-Based visits completed were 745.

Motion to approve the ADA Reports for August 2026 was made by Domenica Goff and seconded by Raul Garcia. Motion carried.

HEAD START 0 TO 5 PROGRAM UPDATE REPORT (PUR) FOR AUGUST 2026

Michael Balderas, Chief Early Learning Officer/Head Start Director, reported that staff recommends CWPC approval of the August 2026 Head Start 0–5 Program Update Report (PUR).

Classes began August 10, 2026, and the 2025–2026 Program Information Report (PIR) was submitted to the Office of Head Start on August 27, 2026. Following OHS guidance regarding enrollment slot reductions, the program updated and resubmitted the required information.

Mr. Balderas noted that enrollment remains a priority, as open slots are still available, and encouraged CWPC members to refer eligible families. He also shared that Justine Avina, Chairperson, accompanied him and other staff to a conference in Washington, D.C., where she spoke with congressmen about the impact of Head Start on her life.

Motion to approve the Head Start 0 to 5 Program Update Report (PUR) for August 2026 was made by Destiney Rodriguez and seconded by Joann Espinoza. Motion carried.

COUNTY-WIDE POLICY COUNCIL PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2026-2027 PROGRAM YEAR

Alfonso Lopez, Family Engagement/Volunteer Services Coordinator, reported that staff recommends CWPC approval of the proposed meeting dates for the 2026–2027 program year.

He directed members to page 60 for the complete meeting schedule and noted that meetings during the four summer months will be limited to the Executive Board.

Motion to approve the CWPC Proposed Meeting Dates for 2026-2027 Program Year was made by Destiney Rodriguez and seconded by Domenica Goff. Motion carried.

CWPC ELECTIONS FOR 2026-2027 PROGRAM YEAR/INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Alfonso Lopez, Family Engagement/Volunteer Services Coordinator, reviewed the requirements for establishing Policy Councils and Committees and presented the proposed CWPC Executive Board positions and responsibilities. He referred members to pages 64, 66, and 67 for officer duties, the election cluster chart, and committee selections. He explained the five-cluster election process and encouraged parents to participate in committees if they were not elected to an officer position. Nominations were opened and closed, and voting commenced.

Justine Avina was elected Chairperson. A motion to approve was made by Raul Garcia and seconded by Jacob Avina. Raul Garcia was elected Vice-Chairperson, with a motion by Joann Espinoza and a second by Prisila Ordaz. Princesa Gomez Gallegos was elected Secretary, with a motion by Joann Espinoza and a second by Raul Garcia. Jacob Avina was elected Treasurer, with a motion by Prisila Ordaz and a second by Joann Espinoza. Samantha Gonzalez was elected Sergeant-at-Arms, with a motion by Domenica Goff and a second by Joann Espinoza. The motions for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms were carried.

No nominations were received for the EHS Home-Based or Center-Based Representatives. The Chairperson will appoint representatives, with approval motions to be presented at the next meeting.

The newly elected officers were then sworn in by Nidia Davis, Assistant Head Start Director, for the 2026–2027 program year.

HEAD START 0 TO 5 COUNTY-WIDE POLICY COUNCIL BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Alfonso Lopez, Family Engagement/Volunteer Services Coordinator, stated staff recommends CWPC approval for the Head Start 0 to 5 CWPC Bylaws Amendments.

Periodic review of the CWPC Bylaws ensures the established policy council is maintained according to the Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS). The proposed amendments were previously submitted in writing at a regular meeting. The proposed amendments are attached and submitted for approval of the CWPC.

Motion to approve the Head Start 0 to 5 CWPC Bylaws Amendments was made by Joann Espinoza and seconded by Raul Garcia. Motion carried.

FRESNO EOC HEAD START 0 TO 5 APPLICATION FOR

Michael Balderas, Chief Early Learning Officer/Head Start Director, stated staff recommends CWCP approval for Head Start 0 to 5's proposal to serve 1,569

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT (FOA)

pregnant mothers and children aged birth-to-five using a regional approach that is targeted, comprehensive, and collaborative.

The service area spans all of Fresno County using an approach that organizes the county into 8 community clusters. The revised Head Start and Early Head Start program model will reorient the early childhood system in Fresno County and eliminate the duplication and siloed services. The grantee for Fresno County is requesting approximately $47,878,031 inclusive base funding of $47,380,833 and training and technical assistance (T&TA) of $497,198. Fresno EOC will provide a nonfederal contribution of $11,969,509.

Grants.gov forecasts that the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) will be released on October 14, 2026. Fresno EOC intends to continue serving children and families throughout Fresno County. Because the Head Start application contains proprietary information, staff recommend delegating authority for matters related to this proposal to the Chief Early Learning/Head Start Director.

Approval will allow for any updates to be amended if needed.

Motion to approve the Fresno EOC Head Start 0 To 5 Application for Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) was made by Joann Espinoza and seconded by Princesa Gomez Gallegos. Motion carried.

FULL ENROLLMENT INITIATIVE

Sara Juarez, ERSEA Coordinator, stated this information is presented to keep the CWPC apprised of the Full Enrollment Initiative Updates.

The recruitment data attached includes our recruitment efforts up to September 24, 2026. Head Start Center Based has 868 children enrolled. Head Start Home Based has 77 children enrolled. Early Head Start Center Based has 77 children enrolled. Early Head Start Home Based has 233 children enrolled. This gives us a total of 1,255 children for Head Start 0 to 5.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2026

Domenica Goff, Personnel Committee Chairperson, stated the Personnel Committee report consists of a list of: Hiring/Personnel Action Positions, Resignations/Separations, Promotion/Status Change, and Job Descriptions for Positions for the month. All promotions, transfers, separations, and new hires are to be presented to the CWPC monthly, as an informational item.

For the month of August 2026 there were 2 Hiring/Personnel Action Positions, 7 Promotions/Status Changes, 4 Resignations/Separations and 2 Job Descriptions were revised.

PARENT COMMENTS

Justine Avina informed the CWPC that this is the longest meeting of the year due to elections, and moving forward, the meetings will be shorter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Justine Avina, Chairperson, made the following Announcements:

A. October 12, 2026 – Indigenous People's Day Holiday (No School)

B. October 15, 2026 – Program Governance Training – Thursday at Franklin Head Start

C. October 24, 2026 – Annual Father Conference – Saturday at Fresno Discovery Center

D. November 3, 2026 – Next County-Wide Policy Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. – Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Destiney Rodriguez and seconded by Joann Espinoza. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted By:

Brionna Warren
Secretary I

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