Children's Initiative Oversight Commission Meeting Minutes



Date: December 5, 2024

Time: 4pm – 6pm

Location: City Hall – Hearing Room 2

Attendees:

Commissioners: Jessica Jung (D-2), Kym Johnson (D-4), Lange Luntao, Melanie Moore, Priya Jagannathan, Rickey Jackson (D-3)

Staff: Jennifer Cabán – Accountability Officer; Nayeli Bernal – Program Analyst

Presenters:

 Oakland Promise: Veena Pawloski – Chief Program Officer; Adam Berke – Chief Financial and Operations Officer

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome

2. Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 4:05pm.

3. Review of Agenda

 The agenda was re-organized to move item #8 up to #6 (FY24-25 Program Plan and Budget Implementation Partner Presentation and Discussion – Oakland Promise) to ensure quorum. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve; Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

4. Open Forum (Non-Agendized Items)

o No public comments.

5. Commission Minutes (October)

- Review of minutes for the October Commission meeting. C. Jagannathan moved to approve; C. Jackson seconded. The motion passed with the following votes:
 - Yes: C. Johnson, C. Luntao, C. Jagannathan, C. Jackson
 - Abstained: C. Jung, C. Moore
 - No:

6. FY24-25 Program Plan and Budget Implementation Partner Presentation and Discussion – Oakland Promise

 Veena Pawloski (Chief Program Officer) and Adam Berke (Chief Financial and Operations Officer) presented on the FY24-25 Program Plan and Budget for

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Oakland Promise. The presentation shared key areas of investment. Key highlights included:

- OP Programming, Evaluation, & Community Engagement
- Program Subcontractors
- Direct Payments to Students, Families & Schools (i.e. Scholarships)
- Administrative Costs
- The Commission agreed to consider presentation opportunities that may impact the work of College Access such as:
 - Current college-going landscape
 - Governor's budget
 - Post-secondary data

7. November Children's Initiative Events Debrief - College Day & Kith Connections

- Presentation reflected Oakland Children's Initiative two inaugural events which include:
 - College Day held on November 2nd. The event was held in partnership with OUSD, CSU, and Oakland Promise which brought together 350 students and families to connect with representatives from CSU campuses to learn about the college application process; and
 - Kith Connections on November 14th. This event was held to strengthen community partner relationships to build connections and further the goals of the Initiative.
- Commissioner feedback included more regular engagements with community partners and more intentional promotion for future College Day events.

8. Accountability Officer Report

o There were no questions on the report.

9. Wrap-Up & Next Steps

- Meeting adjourned at 6pm.
- o Next meeting will be Thursday, January 23rd 4-6pm.