

City of Fontana

8353 Sierra Avenue
Fontana, CA 92335



Minutes

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

2:00 PM

Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers

Community Foundation

Acquanetta Warren - Foundation Chairperson

Peter A. Garcia - Board Member

Phillip Cothran - Board Member

John B. Roberts - Board Member

Jesus "Jesse" Sandoval - Board Member

Germaine Key - Foundation Secretary

Matthew Ballantyne, Foundation President

Ray Ebert, Foundtion Vice-President

Jessica Brown - Foundation Treasurer

Best, Best and Krieger, Foundation Attorney

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

A. 2:00 P.M. Call the Meeting to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Fontana Community Foundation was held in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA 92335, on Tuesday, September 23, 2025.

Chairperson Warren called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Chair Warren, Board Members Cothran, Garcia, Roberts and Sandoval.

City Treasurer Koehler- Brooks and Foundation Secretary Key were also in attendance.

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Public Communications

There were no public communications received.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Prior to the motion, the following occurred:

Item B:

Board Member Sandoval requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

Board Member Sandoval requested clarification on the Mayor's Education Coalition, including its membership, meeting schedule, and funding details. Marketing & Economic Development Manager Monique Carter explained that the coalition, established about seven years ago, is a volunteer group comprised of representatives from local school districts, hospitals, the Chamber of Commerce, and other community partners. The \$28,000 contract under discussion funds the "Tomorrow's Talent" program, which assists with planning and coordinating four annual Pathfinder Days, with an additional \$5,000 available for contingencies.

Marketing & Economic Development Manager Carter noted that the coalition meets monthly on the last Wednesday and that meeting information is available on the City's website under the "Education" section. Council Member Sandoval expressed concern about lack of prior

notification of meetings, the use of funds, and potential Brown Act issues if multiple elected officials attend.

Mayor Warren provided background, explaining that she launched the Mayor's Education Coalition in 2018 after declaring a "public emergency for education" to strengthen partnerships among schools, businesses, and the community. The coalition's goal is to support career and college readiness for Fontana students, with over 1,400 students participating in various career exposure events. The Mayor clarified that the meetings are open to all, that no Brown Act violations occur, and that this funding request is only the second brought to the Council since the coalition's inception. Staff confirmed the funding comes from the Community Foundation, not the General Fund, though the Council acts as the Foundation's board.

ACTION: Motion was made by Board Member Cothran, seconded by Board Member Roberts, and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar Items "A-B." The motion carried by the following vote: AYES: Warren, Garcia, Cothran, Roberts, and Sandoval; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

A. Approval of Minutes 25-0537

Approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025, Community Foundation Meeting.

B. Contract with Tomorrow's Talent for the Fontana Mayor's Education Coalition 25-0516

1. Authorize procurement of educational training services from Tomorrow's Talent utilizing Purchasing Policy and Procedure Manual 3.1.5 Non-Competitive Proposal - Single Source/Sole Source
2. Authorize City Manager to enter into an agreement with Tomorrow's Talent on behalf of the Fontana Mayor's Education Coalition in the amount of \$28,000 and any future amendments for fiscal year 2025/2026 not to exceed \$5,000

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Executive Director's Communications

No Executive Director's Communications were received.

ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMUNICATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Elected Officials Communications/Committee Reports

No Elected Officials Communications were received.

ADJOURNMENT:

A. Adjournment

Chairperson Warren adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

Acquanetta Warren
Chair

THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE FONTANA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ON OCTOBER 14, 2025.

Germaine Key
Foundation Secretary