

Board Agenda Item 32

DATE: September 23, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Nerland, County Administrative Officer

Rosemary Alanis, Chair, Fresno County Foster Care Standards and Oversight

Committee

SUBJECT: Fresno County Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee Amended Bylaws

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve the Amended Bylaws of the Fresno County Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee.

The Fresno County Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee (FCFCSOC) approved amendments to its Bylaws by a unanimous vote during its June 4, 2025 meeting. The amended Bylaws must now go before your Board for approval pursuant to the terms of the existing Bylaws. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Your Board may choose not to approve the Recommended Action. Should your Board choose not to approve the Recommended Action, the Bylaws will not be amended and will remain as when they were last amended by the Board in September 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with the recommended action.

DISCUSSION:

Created by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors in 2001, the purpose of the FCFCSOC is to exercise oversight and review of systems and services which affect children in foster care. More specifically, the FCFCSOC advises and makes recommendations for continuous and lasting systems improvements and provides a forum to promote communication between the Board, the Department of Social Services Child Welfare Services and its related agencies, and the community, with emphasis on providing information and recommendations that make the system more effective and efficient.

On June 4, 2025, the FCFCSOC voted unanimously to amend their existing Bylaws. The proposed amendments include clarification that FCFCSOC members do not receive compensation for their service, and updates the process of electing officers, officer duties, officer vacancies/absences, public participation in meetings, agenda item submission, and compliance with the Brown Act. Finally, Article X ("Adoption and Amendment") has been revised so that only a simple majority vote of the FCFCSOC, and subsequent approval by the Board, is needed to amend the Bylaws, rather than a two-thirds vote of the FCFCSOC.

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ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Amended Bylaws
On file with Clerk - Amended Bylaws: Redline

CAO ANALYST:

Ronald Alexander