



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 12, 2010**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at Austin City Hall, Room #1101, 301 West Second Street, in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in attendance are listed on the attached attendance roll sheet. Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) staff in attendance was Ron Hubbard. Cindy Gamez, Dana Perez, Brook Son, Anna Lisa Fahrenthold, Jaime Graves, Davida Clary, and Patsy Harnage attended as guests.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Aletha Huston called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** The Chair asked the guests to introduce themselves.
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None.
3. **PRESENTATION:** Cindy Gamez with Workforce Solutions Child Care Services (CCS) presented about the CCS activities in child care and child care quality.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the regular meeting on December 14, 2009 were approved on Council Member Rodriguez's motion with Council Member Keith-Thompson's second on a 11 – 0 vote.
5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. **EXECUTIVE –**
 - i. Chair Huston discussed the ECC's regular meeting schedule including one change to the third Tuesday in September due to City Council used of the meeting room during the regular meeting time. The schedule was accepted without objection.
 - ii. Members discussed a special meeting at a time to have a more convenient, open forum for the community. The Chair assigned the task of proposing a meeting date and format to the Providers Committee to be reported in the February ECC meeting.
 - b. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH –** Council Member Holder presented the committee's annual report, and Council Member Rodriguez discussed the committee's current efforts.
 - c. **PROVIDERS –** Council Member Paver presented the committee's annual report. The proposed work plan was distributed.
 - d. **FINANCE –** Council Member Carpenter presented the committee's annual report. The proposed work plan was distributed. Visits to City Council Members and County Commissioners were discussed. The visits are to inform about what the ECC is and what

it does. In addition, specific recommendations will be discussed. The committee's three recommendations were presented and discussed.

The first recommendation asking City Council to maintain the \$129,000 in child care quality grant (certification) funding with other funding in its Fiscal Year 2011 budget was approved on Council Member Paver's motion with Council Member Rodriguez's second on a 9 – 0 vote with Council Members Keith-Thompson and Sanford having left the meeting early before the vote.

The second recommendation to reserve \$75,000 within existing City workforce social services contracts for Fiscal Year 2011 to support early childhood teachers working in child care setting so they may pursue bachelor degrees in child/family development or early education was approved on Council Member Wallace's motion with Vice-Chair Holder's second on a 9 – 0 vote.

The third recommendation to Travis County Commissioners Court to move the one-time funding of \$200,000 for key early childhood programs (Texas Rising Star and Jeannette Watson Fellowships) to the regular County Fiscal Year 2011 budget for on-going support was approved on Council Member Black's motion with Council Member Wallace's second on a 9 – 0 vote.

A presentation document with the recommendations and background narrative will be developed for use in meeting with Council and Commissioners Court Members.

6. **SUCCESS BY 6:** Council Member Carpenter gave an update on SB6 activities. Chair Huston will serve on the SB6 Leadership Council. She reported that it looks like two groups, Saint John's neighborhood and Southwest Keys, may submit proposals for the Promise Neighborhood grants.
7. **STAFF BRIEFING:** Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, called attention to the handouts listed on the agenda including some follow-up information from Child, Inc.'s presentation at the December ECC meeting.

Child, Inc.'s information included a request for assistance from the ECC to help with Child, Inc.'s self-assessment process. Council Members Carpenter and Elsner were asked by Chair Huston to provide the assistance to Child, Inc. from the ECC and they agreed. There was no objection. A letter will be sent to Child, Inc. from Chair Huston naming the members and thanking them for the presentation.

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Members asked that related early childhood groups such as AAEYC, Licensing, and Workforce Solutions continue to be scheduled on a rotating basis. Licensing is scheduled to present at the February meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Huston adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. without objection.

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Attendance - 12 Month

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

	LAST	FIRST	FEB 09	MAR 09	APR 09	MAY 09	JUNE 09	JULY 09	AUG 09	SEPT 09	OCT 09	NOV 09	DEC 09	JAN 10
1	Black	Albert	1	1	1	X	1	1	X	X	X	1	1	1
2	Briley	Sandy	E	1	X	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	X
3	Carpenter	Sue	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	X	X- Harlem	1	1
4	Cloud	Ariel	1	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	E	1	1	E
5	Elsner	Larry				New Appointment				1	1	1	1	1
6	Holder	Kyle	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7	Huston	Aletha	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8	Keith-Thompson	Debra				New Appointment 11/5/09						1	E	1
9	Paver	Rhonda	1	E	1	E	1	1	X	1	1	E	1	1
10	Rodriguez	Cindy	1	1	X	X	1	1	1	1	E	1	1	1
11	Rosofsky	Natasha				New Appointment				1	1	1	X- Israel	1
12	Sanford	Margie	E	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1
13	Wallace	Avis	X	1	E	1	E	E	1	1	E	1	1	1
	Total Members Present		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	10	6	11	11	11
											No Quorum			

Present = 1, Absent excused = E,
Absent unexcused = X