



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, December 8, 2009**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 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. Lisa Martin, Karlene Bennett, Brook Son, Anna Lisa Fahrenthold, Glenda Overfelt, James Strickland, Elaine Windom-Reagan, Davida Clary, Kay Fowler, and Patsy Harnage attended as guests.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Aletha Huston called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** The Chair asked the guests to introduce themselves.
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None.
3. **PRESENTATIONS**
  - a. Austin Association for the Education of Young Children – Karlene Bennett, President, updated the Council about AAEEYC’s activities and plans.
  - b. Discussion about Head Start and Early Head Start – Glenda Overfelt, Child, Inc. Head Start Director, presented about the programs and agency. Discussion followed.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes for the regular meeting on November 12, 2009 with a change showing Council Member Black as recused on the Head Start item were approved on Council Member Wallace’s motion, Council Member Rodriguez’s second on a 11 – 0 vote.
5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - a. **EXECUTIVE** – Chair Huston discussed visits to City Council Members.
  - b. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH** – Council Member Rodriguez discussed the survey about downtown child care, and the committee’s work plan.
  - c. **PROVIDERS** – Council Member Briley discussed the committee’s work plan and new meeting time on second Mondays at 4:00 p.m.
  - d. **FINANCE** – Council Member Carpenter announced the committees next meeting time.
6. **SUCCESS BY 6:** Council Member Carpenter gave an update on SB6 activities. Brenda Strama is the new Chair of the Leadership Council, and SB6 is involved in the work to prepare for the Promise Neighborhood grant.

7. STAFF BRIEFING: Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, discussed some clarification about Board policies. He reported on the local Child Care Licensing Advisory Committee meeting, and provided current funding information to Council Members about early childhood social service contracts.
8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Council Member Rodriguez recommended that consideration of an evening meeting or meetings of the ECC be put on the January Agenda. There was no objection.
9. Chair Huston adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. without objection.

### Early Childhood Council

Attendance - 12 Month

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

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

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