



EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 12, 2010**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, 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. Guests were: John Steiner, Leah Meunier, Lisa Martin, Cindy Gamez, Cris Perez, Juan Gonzalez, Rodney Rodriguez, Ellen Balthazar, Pat Smith, Laura Koenig, Jessica Son, and Elaine Clark.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Huston called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Council Members Rodriguez and Rosofsky recused themselves on agenda items 5.b. and 6.d.i.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** The Chair asked the guests to introduce themselves.
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None.
3. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - a. Workforce Solutions Update – Cris Perez and Cindy Gamez presented information about Child Care Services both direct child care and quality improvement.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the regular meeting on August 10, 2010 were approved on Council Member Carpenter’s motion with Council Member Black’s second on a 10 – 0 vote. Council Member Keith-Thompson arrived after the vote.
5. **STAFF BRIEFING:**
 - a. Conflict of Interest and Anti-Lobbying Ordinance – John Steiner, Integrity Officer, presented to the ECC about the issues arising from service on a City Board in terms of recognizing and avoiding conflicts of interest and understanding the Anti-Lobbying Ordinance. Questions and discussion followed.
 - b. Social Services competitive Request for Proposals process notice – Ron Hubbard informed the ECC members that the RFP was posted online and that questions must go through the RFP single point of contact.
 - c. Recommend endorsement by Council and Commissioners of the Texas Early Childhood Education Coalition - Child Care Subsidies Work Group’s: *10 Steps to Reforming the Child Care Subsidy System* (Online at: <http://www.tecec.org/files/CCSWG%20brief%209.22.2010.pdf>). The

recommendation that the City Council and Commissioners endorse the Texas Early Childhood Education Coalition - Child Care Subsidies Work Group's: *10 Steps to Reforming the Child Care Subsidy System* was approved on a motion by Vice-Chair Holder with Council Member Sanford's second on a 11 – 0 vote.

- d. An updated list of current, for the new Fiscal Year, early childhood contracts was distributed and discussed.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

a. Executive Committee –

- i. The need for the Committees' Work Plans to be ready for approval at the December meeting was discussed.
- ii. A retreat was discussed. The consensus was to have an extended meeting instead of a full retreat.
- iii. Chair Huston named Council Member Sanford as Chair of the Providers Committee without objection. Council Member Paver had asked to be relieved of her duties as Co-Chair.

b. Research and Policy Development - None

- c. Providers – Council Member Sanford reported about the committee's work to arrange a Pre-K meeting with Melissa Ply from Texas School Ready in November.

- d. Finance – Council Member Carpenter discussed the City's Social Services RFP and the risk of losing funding for early childhood activities. Possible strategies were discussed.

7. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE - Council Member Carpenter reported that the United Way funding process will also begin soon for funding that starts in July 2011.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am without objection.

	LAST	FIRST	NOV 09	DEC 09	JAN 10	FEB 10	MAR 10	APR 10	4/20/10 Special	MAY 10	6/3/10 Special	JULY 10	AUG 10	SEPT 10	OCT 10
1	Black	Albert	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1
2	Carpenter	Sue	X- Harlem	1	1	X- Work	1	1	1	1	1		E		1
3	Elsner	Larry	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		X		1
4	Farenthold	Anna Lisa										New appointment 10/19/2010			
5	Holder	Kyle	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1
6	Huston	Aletha	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		X		1
7	Keith-Thompson	Debra	1	E	1	1	1	1	E	1	1		1		1
8	Paver	Rhonda	E	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	X		1		X
9	Porter	Jacquie										New appointment			1
10	Rodriguez	Cindy	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		X		1
11	Rosofsky	Natasha	1	X- Israel	1	1	1	E	1	1	1		E		1
12	Sanford	Margie	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1
13	Wallace	Avis	1	1	1	E	1	1	1	E	1		E		1
	Total Members Present		9	9	11	9	10	10	10	10	10	No Mtg	6	No Mtg NoPost	11

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