



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, November 9, 2010**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 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 that signed in were: Cindy Gamez, Emily Pyeatt, Kara Johnson, Leah Meunier, Dana Perez, Jessica Son, Mary Riggs, George Zapalac, and Elaine Clark.

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

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Guests were asked to introduce themselves.
2. **DISCLOSURE OF RECUSAL FOR AGENDA ITEMS:** None
3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None
4. **PRESENTATIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - a. Kara Johnson, TECEC President/CEO presented an update of Texas Early Childhood Education Coalition (TECEC) upcoming Texas Legislative session and current early childhood issues in the state and federal governments.
 - b. George Zapalac, Manager Development Services, Planning and Development Review Department discussed an amendment to Chapter 25 of the City Code concerning requirements for open space in private developments, and asked the ECC to comment and make recommendations if needed. Chair Huston assigned the review and development of the ECC response to the Research and Policy Committee due back to the full ECC at January's meeting. There was no objection.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The October 12, 2010 meeting minutes were approved on Council Member Carpenter's motion with Council Member Keith-Thompson's second on a 12 – 0 vote.
6. **STAFF BRIEFING –** Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, reported that the timing of the Request for Proposals for direct child care set-asides and CDBG funded child care is still pending a decision.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS

- a. Executive – Aletha Huston discussed the ECC’s overall work plan for 2011 to be developed by the committees and coordinated during the December meeting, which will be a retreat format. She also discussed requesting more clarification from John Steiner, City Integrity Officer, about how the ECC can accomplish its work and comply with the conflict of interest ordinance.
- b. Research and Policy Development – Cindy Rodriguez reported that the committee is developing its Work Plan.
- c. Providers – Margie Sanford reported that the Work Plan had been drafted and that copies were provided to the members. Child Care Licensing is conducting an online survey about the weights assigned to individual standards. A handout was provided about an upcoming event about PreKindergarten.
- d. Finance – Sue Carpenter reported that on committee work such as tracking funding changes and legislative issues. Natasha Rosofsky volunteered to chair the Finance committee. Chair Huston approved the change without objection.
 - i. 2011 Work Plan Development update

8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – Sue Carpenter reported on SB6 activities including collecting developmental data on young children in coordination with the City’s WIC Program clinics and about Born Learning trails that offer a series of activities for young children and their parents.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Recommendations for future agenda items were discussed:
 - i. 2011 Work Plan approval – To be developed in the December retreat.
 - ii. Retreat agenda – Council Member Paver recommended that the ECC review the impact of the FamilyConnections incident and closing to the perception of early childhood in Austin.
 - iii. Future meeting dates/schedule will need to be approved by the ECC including a possible evening meeting.
 - iv. Consider making regular reports about the ECC to City Council and Commissioners Court.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Early Childhood Council

Attendance - 12 Month

Scheduled Meetings

	LAST	FIRST	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	NOV 10
1	Black	Albert	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1
2	Carpenter	Sue	1	1	X-Work	1	1	1	1	1		E		1	1
3	Elsner	Larry	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		X		1	1
4	Fahrenthold	Anna Lisa									New appointment 10/19/2010				1
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		X		1	1
7	Keith-Thompson	Debra	E	1	1	1	1	E	1	1		1		1	1
8	Paver	Rhonda	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	X		1		X	1
9	Porter	Jacquie									New appointment			1	1
10	Rodriguez	Cindy	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		X		1	1
11	Rosofsky	Natasha	X-Israel	1	1	1	E	1	1	1		E		1	1
12	Sanford	Margie	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	1
13	Wallace	Avis	1	1	E	1	1	1	E	1		E		1	E
	Total Members Present		9	11	9	10	10	10	10	10	No Mtg	6	No Mtg	11	12

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