



## **EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, December 13, 2011**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at the East Austin Neighborhood Center, 211 Comal Street, 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 present and signing in were Jessica Son, Gloria Neunaber, Pat Smith, Raye Sansom, Tim Eubanks, and Laura Koenig.

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Holder at 9:03 am.

1. Guests introduced themselves.
2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None
3. PRESENTATION: Community Conversations with Parents - Tim Eubanks, Director of Student Engagement and Youth Programming at Austin Voices, presented about his work with parents. Questions, answers, and discussion followed. A handout was provided.
4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – None.
5. MINUTES: The November 8, 2011 meeting minutes were approved on Council Member Huston's motion and Vice-Chair Fahrenthold's second on a 7 – 0 vote, with Council Members Black, Keith-Thompson, and Rodriguez arriving after the vote.
6. COMMITTEE AND WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS
  - a. Executive Committee – Kyle Holder discussed Council Member visits and the new Public Awareness work group. A Chair for the Work Group needs to be named. A sign-up sheet for work groups membership was circulated. The School Readiness Plan can provide much of the ECC's 2012 work plan.
  - b. Policy and Finance Work Group – Anna Lisa Fahrenthold provided an update of the early childhood planning effort. The draft document is available for review. The Imagine Austin comment period has been extended and members were encouraged to make individual comments. Chair Holder reported on the Social Services RFP feedback session that he attended.

- c. Providers Work Group – Jacquie Porter reported that the group is discussing what the most urgent needs in the provider area are. Children’s extreme behaviors and anger has been discussed.

- Work Group membership sign-up roster results were:

<u>Policy and Finance</u>	<u>Providers</u>	<u>Public Awareness</u>
Huston	Rodriguez	Elsner
Fahrenthold	Black	Meunier
Holder	Porter (Chair)	Fahrenthold
	Paver	
	Keith-Thompson	

(Council Members Wallace and Borowski’s sign-up is pending due to absence.)

7. STAFF BRIEFING – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, presented the adjusted ECC meeting schedule for 2012 that moved the regular meeting day to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. The change was necessary in order to find meeting space. The adjusted schedule was ratified on Council Member Elsner’s motion and Council Member Keith-Thompson’s second on a 10 – 0 vote.
8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – Council Member Meunier reported on the Business Leaders lunch scheduled for late January. Also, Beth Tracey, from IBM, will be the SB6 Leadership Council Chairperson for 2012.

Council Member Huston shared a card from the Kozmetsky family acknowledging the condolence message that she sent on behalf of the ECC in recognition of former, long-time Child Care Council Member Ronya Kozmetsky.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

# Early Childhood Council

Attendance with 12 Month History

FY 2012 All Meetings

	LAST	FIRST	JAN 2011	FEB 2011	MAR 2011	APR 2011	MAY 2011	JUN 2011	JUL 2011	AUG 2011	SEPT 2011	OCT 2011	NOV 2011	DEC 2011
1	Black	Albert	1	1	1	1	1	X		1	1	1	1	1
2	Borowski	Robert									Appt 9/2/11	1	X	X
3	Elsner	Larry	1	1	1	1	1	1		X	1	1	1	1
4	Fahrenthold	Anna Lisa	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
5	Holder	Kyle	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
6	Huston	Aletha	1	1	1	1	1	1		X	1	1	1	1
7	Keith-Thompson	Debra	E	E	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
8	Meunier	Leah						New appt 6/23/11		1	1	1	X	1
9	Paver	Rhonda	1	1	E	E	X	1		1	1	1	X	1
10	Porter	Jacque	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	X	1	1	1
11	Rodriguez	Cindy	1	1	E	1	1	X		X	1	1	E	1
12	Vacant - Mayor										Vacant 10/1/11			
13	Wallace	Avis	1	X	1	E	E	1		1	E	1	1	E
	Total Members Present		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	12	8	10

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