



EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 8, 2012**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 8, 2012, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

Board Members in attendance are listed on the attached attendance roll sheet. Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) staff in attendance were Wilmia Perez, Ron Hubbard and Ashley Pudnos. Guests that signed in for the meeting were: Meredith Bossin, Sue Carpenter, Cindy Gamez, Marti Burris, Nelda Frasier, Audrey Abed, Raye Sansom, and Jodi Jy.

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Holder at 9:18 AM.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Sofia Casini was introduced as a newly appointed member of the ECC. The ECC's thanks were offered to Leah Meunier for her service to the ECC and to children through Success By 6.
2. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The June 13, 2012 ECC meeting minutes were approved on Vice Chair Fahrenthold's motion and Council Member Keith-Thompson's second on a 7 – 0 vote.
5. **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, and POSSIBLE ACTION:** Imagine Austin Plan Update with focus on Children and Families Components – Meredith Bossin, Planner, Planning & Development Review Department, presented the Imagine Austin Plan that was approved by City Council on June 15th. Discussion followed. Suggestions for changes and updates to the Plan will be considered annually.

A recommendation to include the goals of the School Readiness Action Plan 2012 in the Imagine Austin Plan was approved on a motion by Council Member Huston and a second by Council Member Black on a 7 – 0 vote.

6. WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS

- a. **Executive Work Group** – Kyle Holder discussed the Council and Commissioner visits. He also noted that several ECC members will attend the Parent Leadership meeting next week to hear from parents.

- b. Policy and Finance Work Group – No report.
 - c. Providers Work Group – The group is working on the swimming pool issue and some issues around food service requirements.
 - d. Public Awareness Work Group – No report.
7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator
- a. Introduce: Dr. Wilmia Perez, Manager, Family Health Unit, introduced herself to the ECC members.
 - b. HHSD Update: Ron Hubbard noted HHSD activities around strategic planning, the Community Health Assessment, and the transitions moving to the new Fiscal Year 2013 on October 1st.
 - c. Proposed Budget Work Session: ECC members were informed about the upcoming work session.
8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – Sue Carpenter provided an update about the School Readiness Plan and related activities. She discussed the Family Support network and data collection.
9. RELATED GROUPS
- a. City/County/AISD Joint Committee - None
 - b. Austin Association for the Education of Young Children – Raye Sansom reported on an upcoming workshop in September.
 - c. Commission for Women - None
 - d. Child Care Licensing - None
 - e. Workforce Solutions – None
 - f. Head Start – Council Member Black reported that Child, Inc. had received the report from its recent federal review and that the program will stay with Child, Inc.
10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
HHSD Director dialogue

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Early Childhood Council
Attendance with 12 Month History
FY 2012 All Meetings

	LAST	FIRST	SEPT 2011	OCT 2011	NOV 2011	DEC 2011	JAN 2012	FEB 2012	MAR 2012	APR 2012	MAY 2012	JUN 2012	JUL 2012	AUG 2012
1	Black	Albert	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	E	1		1
	Borowski	Robert	New appt 9/22/11	1	X	X	1	1	X	X	Resign 5/8/12			
2	Casini	Sofia									Appointed 8/2/2012			1
3	Elsner	Larry	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	X		1
4	Fahrenthold	Anna Lisa	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NO MEETING	
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	1	1	1	1	1	E	E	1	E	1		1
8	Koenig	Laura						New appt 3/1/12	1	1	1	1		E
	Meunier	Leah	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	X	Resign 7/17/12	
9	Paver	Rhonda	1	1	X	1	X	1	1	1	X	1		E
10	Porter	Jacque	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1		X
11	Rodriguez	Cindy	1	1	E	1	1	1	E	1	1	1		E
12	Wallace	Avis	E	1	1	E	E	E	1	1	1	E		E
	Total Members Present		n/a	12	8	10	10	10	9	11	7	9		7

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