



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012, 9:00 AM
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

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MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 12, 2012**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at 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 were Carlos Rivera, Wilmia Perez, and Ron Hubbard. Guests that signed in for the meeting were: Cindy Gamez, Nelda Frasier, Audrey Abed, Bertha Marie Delgado, Linda Del Toro, and Robbie Polan.

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Holder at 9:01 AM.

1. INTRODUCTIONS: Guests introduced themselves.
2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.
3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The August 8, 2012 ECC meeting minutes were approved on Council Member Keith-Thompson's motion and Council Member Black's second on a 9 – 0 vote. Council Members Casini, Wallace, and Rodriguez arrived after the vote.
5. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, and POSSIBLE ACTION: None
6. WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS
 - a. Executive Work Group – Kyle Holder reported on Council/Commissioner visits, the Parent Leadership Institute meeting, and the nominations for ECC officers and election in October.
 - b. Policy and Finance Work Group – No report.
 - c. Providers Work Group – Jacquie Porter recommended that the swimming pool discussion be tabled until the next meeting. There was no objection. The Work Group has also been looking at children's and bilingual programming in the City libraries.

7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator
 - a. City Fiscal Year 2013 Budget information – HHSD Director Rivera discussed the funding amounts added by City Council for early childhood including \$250,000 for Healthy Families and \$238,216 with part being one-time funding and some being in the Department’s base budget. The ECC will make specific recommendations for the funding at the October meeting.
8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – None
9. RELATED GROUPS (as needed)
 - Workforce Solutions – Jessica Son’s resignation as the Board Child Development Specialist was announced.
 - AISD – Back to School Summary Report – Jacquie Porter provided a detailed about the new AISD school year and services to young children. She introduced Robbie Polan to the ECC. Ms. Polan will be a liaison between early childhood programs and AISD.
 - Texas Early Learning Council – Rhonda Paver reported on the activities of the Learning Council. She noted that reports are available on the website at: <http://earlylearningtexas.org/> .

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 AM.

Early Childhood Council

Attendance with 12 Month History
FY 2012 All Meetings

	LAST	FIRST	OCT 2011	NOV 2011	DEC 2011	JAN 2012	FEB 2012	MAR 2012	APR 2012	MAY 2012	JUN 2012	JUL 2012	AUG 2012	SEPT 2012		
1	Black	Albert	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	E	1		1	1		
	Borowski	Robert	1	X	X	1	1	X	X	Resign 5/8/12						
2	Casini	Sofia								Appointed 8/2/2012			1	1		
3	Elsner	Larry	1	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	X		1	1		
4	Fahrenthold	Anna Lisa	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	X	1				1	1
7	Keith-Thompson	Debra	1	1	1	1	E	E	1	E	1		1	1		
8	Koenig	Laura					New appt 3/1/12	1	1	1	1		E	1		
	Meunier	Leah	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	X	Resign 7/17/12				
9	Paver	Rhonda	1	X	1	X	1	1	1	X	1		E	1		
10	Porter	Jacque	1	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1		X	1		
11	Rodriguez	Cindy	1	E	1	1	1	E	1	1	1		E	1		
12	Wallace	Avis	1	1	E	E	E	1	1	1	E		E	1		
	Total Members Present		12	8	10	10	10	9	11	7	9		7	12		

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