



## **EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, February 13, 2013**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at City Hall, 301 West Second 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 that signed in for the meeting were: Alison Bentley, Pat Smith, Michelle Crawford, Franciell Farris, Sue Carpenter, David Spradling, Raye Sansom, and Marti Burris.

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Holder at 9:00 AM.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Chair Holder asked guests to introduce themselves. Brook Son was introduced as the new Travis County appointee to the ECC. Council members recognized Vice-Chair Fahrenthold for her hard work and involvement, and she asked that her perfect attendance record be noted.
2. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None
3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The January 9, 2013 meeting Minutes were approved on Vice-Chair Fahrenthold's motion, Council Member Huston's second on an 11-0 vote.
5. **PRESENTATION:** Sally Miculek, Austin Public Library Children's Services Coordinator presented about early literacy services at Austin Public Library. A handout was provided. Discussion followed.
6. **WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS**
  - a. **Executive Work Group – Kyle Holder**
    - Council Member Tovo's appointment vacancy was discussed.
  - b. **Policy and Finance Work Group – Aletha Huston** reported on the Work Group members' assignments under the new 2013 Work Plan, including a summary of visits to Council and Commissioners Court members.
  - c. **Providers Work Group – Jacquie Porter** discussed the Group's work on the Library issues, swim policies, and the Head Start support letter.

7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, provided an update about the contract amendments resulting from the ECC's funding recommendations.
8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – Sue Carpenter gave an update on the School Readiness Plan and announced the several upcoming meeting dates. The visits to Council and Commissioners were discussed. The County is reviewing how additional funding requests fit into the School Readiness Plan and how other partners align.
9. RELATED GROUPS –
  - AAEEYC: Raye Sansom reported on AAEEYC upcoming conference on April 20<sup>th</sup>, and invited ECC members to attend.
  - Head Start: Council Member Black reported that the agency had received the federal review report. The recently authorized one-time City funding for Head Start was also discussed.
10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Imagine Austin update and comments, Vice-Chair election

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Holder adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 10:37 AM.

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Attendance with 12 Month History

	LAST	FIRST	MAR 2012	APR 2012	MAY 2012	JUN 2012	JUL 2012	AUG 2012	SEPT 2012	OCT 2012	NOV 2012	DEC 2012	JAN 2013	FEB 2013
1	Black	Albert	1	1	E	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	Casini	Sofia			Appointed 8/2/2012		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	Elsner	Larry	1	X	1	X		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	Fahrentzold	Anna Lisa	1	1	1	1	NO MEETING		1	1	1	1	1	1
5	Holder	Kyle	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1
6	Huston	Aletha	1	1	X	1			1	1	1	1	1	1
7	Keith-Thompson	Debra	E	1	E	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8	Koenig	Laura	1	1	1	1		E	1	1	E	1	1	1
9	Paver	Rhonda	1	1	X	1		E	1	X	1	E	1	1
10	Porter	Jacquie	X	1	1	1		X	1	X	1	1	1	1
11	Rodriguez	Cindy	E	1	1	1		E	1	1	1	E	1	1
12	Wallace	Avis	1	1	1	E		E	1	1	1	E	1	E
	VACANCY - CM TOVO													
	Total Members Present		n/a	10	7	9		7	12	10	11	9	12	11

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