



EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 10, 2013**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 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 were Wilmia Perez and Ron Hubbard. Guests that signed in for the meeting were: Tamara Atkinson, Elaine Clark, Franciell Farris, Alison Bentley, Robbie Polan, Jarrell McCullar, Michelle Crawford, Patsy Harnage, Raye Sansom, Pat Smith, Sue Carpenter, Lori Miranda, and Margie Calderón.

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Holder at 9:05 AM.

1. INTRODUCTIONS: Chair Holder asked guests to introduce themselves.
2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None
3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The March 20, 2013 meeting Minutes were approved on Council Member Huston's motion, Council Member Rodriguez's second on a 10-0 vote. With Council Members Paver, Keith-Thompson, and Wallace arriving after the vote.
5. PRESENTATIONS: Tamara Atkinson, Deputy Director of Workforce Solutions, presented about the involvement of Workforce Solutions in providing child care and child care quality improvement services to Austin/Travis County. Discussion followed.
6. WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS
 - a. Executive Work Group – Kyle Holder

New members chose Work Groups: Council Member Son will serve on the Policy Work Group and Council Member Breithaupt will serve on the Providers Work Group.
 - b. Policy and Finance Work Group – The Early Childhood Council recommendation to the City of Austin City Council and to Travis County Commissioners Court that the School Readiness Action Plan be used as a guide to policy and funding decisions that affect the health and welfare of young children and their families was approved on Council Member Huston's motion, Council Member Casini's second on a 13-0 vote.

c. Providers Work Group – Laura Koenig provided an update on the Group’s work and asked Pat Smith to provide an update on swim policy work with Parks and Recreation Department.

7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, reported about the results of the Holly Neighborhood Request for Applications, announced the Youth Summit, and described the new process for communication Board Recommendations to City Council.

In addition, the situation with the Bridge Child Care Voucher Contract for families in crisis was described. Chair Holder called a Special Called Meeting of the Early Childhood Council on April 16, 2013, at 9:00 AM to consider recommendations regarding the Bridge Program both the current situation and future plans.

8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – Alison Bentley gave an update on the School Readiness Plan and announced the several upcoming meeting dates.
9. RELATED GROUPS – Raye Sansom announced the AAEEYC Conference date.
10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Bridge Program and Imagine Austin update

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Holder adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 10:35 AM.

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Attendance with 12 Month History

	LAST	FIRST	MAY 2012	JUN 2012	JUL 2012	AUG 2012	SEPT 2012	OCT 2012	NOV 2012	DEC 2012	JAN 2013	FEB 2013	MAR 2013	APR 2013
1	Black	Albert	E	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	Breithaupt	Dustin						Appointed 2/14/2013					1	1
3	Casini	Sofia	Appointed 8/2/2012			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	Elsner	Lamy	1	X		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	X	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	E	1
7	Keith-Thompson	Debra	E	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	E	1
8	Koenig	Laura	1	1		E	1	1	E	1	1	1	X	1
9	Paver	Rhonda	X	1		E	1	X	1	E	1	1	1	1
10	Porter	Jacquie	1	1		X	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1
11	Rodriguez	Cindy	1	1		E	1	1	1	E	1	1	1	1
12	Son	Brook						Appointed 2/5/2013					1	1
13	Wallace	Avis	1	E		E	1	1	1	E	1	E	X	1
	Total Members Present		7	9		7	12	10	11	9	12	11	9	13

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