



EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 8, 2013**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 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: Rosie Herrera, Roslyn Garrett, Porshae Neal, Marti Burris, Audrey Rodriguez, Paula Barton, Emily Greer, Marianne Newberry, Roxana Rodriguez, Evelyn Hill, Nelda Frasier, Lucia Perez, Luisa Robleds, Kathy Keller, Lori Keaton, Linda James, LaSonia Knight, Hung Nguyen, Verna Smith, Helen Weicker, Rosalinda Gonzalez, Lynne Kirby, Alison Bentley, Franciell Farris, Kacy Murschaert, Amanda Pineda, Sheree Price, and Judy Aguiel.

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 April 10, 2013 regular meeting Minutes were approved on Council Member Huston's motion, Council Member Paver's second on a 9-0 vote with Council Members Son, Keith-Thompson, and Wallace arriving after the vote.

The April 16, 2013 Special Called meeting Minutes were approved on Council Member Rodriguez's motion, Council Member Black's second on a 9-0 vote with Council Members Son, Keith-Thompson, and Wallace arriving after the vote.

5. **PRESENTATIONS:** Taking Charge of Change Report – Current Cohort Members. Karlene Bennett presented an overview and history of the Taking Charge of Change Program. Then five of the participants discussed their experiences with the Program and its value to them and their child care program. The participants presenting were:
 - Helen Weicker, UT Child Development Center, Comal
 - Sheree Price, Little Blessings
 - Audrey Rodriguez, Child Inc. Head Start
 - Lucia Perez, Little Folks Bilingual Child Development Center
 - Emily Greer, The Rise School of Austin

6. WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS

a. Executive Work Group – Kyle Holder

Chair Holder asked each ECC member to introduce themselves. He then discussed the history, purpose and organization of the ECC for the guests.

b. Policy and Finance Work Group – Council Member Huston discussed the follow-up to the visits to City Council and Commissioner Court members.

c. Providers Work Group – Council Member Koenig provided an update on the Group's work with the Library and Parks and Recreation. She described the significant early childhood involvement at the recent Youth Summit meeting.

7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, provided an update on the solicitation for the Bridge Child Care Voucher Program and the activities of the Commission for Women related to child care for city employees.

8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – Alison Bentley gave an update on the School Readiness Plan and announced the several upcoming meeting dates. The annual update is due out soon.

9. RELATED GROUPS – Raye Sansom announced the AAIEYC Conference attendance and awards that included Sue Carpenter as the recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Holder adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 10:05 AM.

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Attendance with 12 Month History

	LAST	FIRST	JUN 2012	JUL 2012	AUG 2012	SEPT 2012	OCT 2012	NOV 2012	DEC 2012	JAN 2013	FEB 2013	MAR 2013	APR 2013	MAY 2013
1	Black	Albert	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	Breithaupt	Dustin					Appointed 2/14/2013					1	1	1
3	Casini	Sofia	Appointed 8/2/2012		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	Elsner	Lamy	X		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	X
5	Holder	Kyle	1	NO MEETING		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	Huston	Aletha	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	E	1	1
7	Keith-Thompson	Debra	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	E	1	1
8	Koenig	Laura	1		E	1	1	E	1	1	1	X	1	1
9	Paver	Rhonda	1		E	1	X	1	E	1	1	1	1	1
10	Porter	Jacque	1		X	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
11	Rodriguez	Cindy	1		E	1	1	1	E	1	1	1	1	1
12	Son	Brook					Appointed 2/5/2013					1	1	1
13	Wallace	Avis	E		E	1	1	1	E	1	E	X	1	1
	Total Members Present		9		7	12	10	11	9	12	11	9	13	12

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