



EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 20, 2013**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 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: Emily Mathon, Dana Perez, Alison Bentley, Elaine Clark, Franciell Farris, and Margie Calderón.

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Holder at 9:04 AM.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Chair Holder asked guests to introduce themselves. New members Brook Son and Dustin Breithaupt introduced themselves and provided some background about their interest in the ECC.
2. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**
Council Member Brook Son disclosed a conflict of interest to item 7.a.1 since she is a Travis County employee. Council Member Albert Black disclosed a conflict of interest to item 7.a.2 since he is a Child, Inc. employee.
3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Emily Mathon with American YouthWorks (AYW) spoke to the ECC about the closure of the infant/toddler classrooms at the AYW onsite child care center, and about the barrier that child care presents to the young parents served by AYW.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The January 9, 2013 meeting Minutes were approved on Council Member Elsner's motion, Council Member Porter's second on an 9-0 vote.
5. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - Dana Perez with Child Care Licensing presented about recent licensing changes and the implications for providers.
 - Elaine Clark with the Workforce Solutions Board presented about the impact of sequestration funding reductions and new rule changes to the child care program.
6. **WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS**
 - a. Executive Work Group – Kyle Holder
 - i. Chair Holder asked for nominations from the floor. Council Member Black nominated Council Member Porter, and Council Member Porter nominated

Council Member Koenig. Council Member Porter was elected as ECC Vice-Chair on a vote of 9-0.

- ii. The ECC Annual Internal Review with a revision of the third bullet in the Provider's Work Group in the 2013 Work Plan was approved on Vice-Chair Porter's motion, Council Member Son's second, on a 9-0 vote.

b. Policy and Finance Work Group – Alison Bentley, in Council Member Huston's absence, reported on the visits to City Council and County Commissioners.

c. Providers Work Group – Jacquie Porter provided an update on the Group's work.

- 7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, reported about two pending Recommendations for (City) Council Action (RCA), and that HHSD will ask the ECC to review and recommend for City Council approval early childhood RCA's as a standard practice from now on.
 - a.1. The recommendation for City Council to approve the Recommendation for Council Action for the Healthy Families Interlocal Agreement with Travis County was approved on a Council Member Elsner's motion, Council Member Rodriguez second on a vote of 8-0-1 with Council Member Son abstaining.
 - a.2. The recommendation for City Council to approve the Recommendation for Council Action for the Head Start Summer Program with Child, Inc. was approved on a Council Member Rodriguez's motion, Council Member Elsner's second on a vote of 7-0-2 with Council Members Black and Son abstaining.
- 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 – None.
- 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Recognition for Anna Lisa Fahrenthold's service to the ECC, and a legislative update from Texans Care for Children.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Holder adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 10:13 AM.

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Attendance with 12 Month History

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

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