



EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 19, 2014**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 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: Paola Ferate-Soto, Tara Carmean, Franciell Farris, Hannah Brown, Alison Bentley, and Sylvia Valdez.

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 19, 2014 regular meeting Minutes were approved on Council Member Koenig's motion, Council Member Elsner's second on a 7 - 0 vote. Council Members Black, Rodriguez and Wallace arrived after the vote.
5. **PRESENTATIONS:** None.
6. **WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS**
 - a. **Executive Work Group – Chair Holder**
 1. The Annual Report and Work Plan draft was reviewed and discussed.
 2. The Annual Report and Work Plan was approved with language changes to the Work Plan on Council Member Huston's motion, Council Member Son's second on a 8 – 0 vote. Council Members Rodriguez and Wallace arrived after the vote.
 3. The City Council resolution assigning the ECC and others to make recommendations regarding a Carousel and the use of the revenue from its operation was discussed. Council Member Koenig volunteered to be the ECC to a work group organized by the Parks Department about the Carousel. Recommendations are due back to City Council by June.
 4. Chair Holder reported on visits to City Council members including the Mayor that occurred in February and March.
 - b. **Policy and Finance Work Group – Council Member Son**

1. An ECC work session during the May meeting with time extended from 9:00 AM to Noon was discussed. The consensus of the members was to proceed with the May work session.
 2. An update of the progress on the parent engagement effort was provided.
 3. A presentation about Imagine Austin is planned for a future meeting.
- c. Providers Work Group – Council Member Koenig
1. Planning and alignment with the Libraries was discussed including the introduction of Paola Ferate-Soto as the new Children’s Librarian. Adding story time measures to the School Readiness Plan will be recommended.
 2. Increased input will be sought by outreach to directors’ groups and surveys.
 3. Child Care Licensing will be asked to present in June.
7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator
- a. An update on the Action Plan process was discussed.
 - b. Recommendations to City Council concerning CDBG funded child care were approved, with justification and rationale to be developed by the April ECC meeting, on Council Member Huston’s motion, Council Member Breithaupt’s second on a 9 – 0 vote. Council Member Wallace arrived after the vote. The approved recommendations are:
 1. Maintain or increase the current child care services that are currently funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) preferably with City general funds or CDBG funding.
 2. Use family income eligibility instead of household income eligibility for the child care services provided with CDBG funding.
 - c. The School and Family Work Group Report of the Joint Committee was provided to members.
 - d. The Early Childhood Coordinator recommended that the ECC review the CodeNEXT Land Development Code process for possible recommendations to City Council.
8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – Alison Bentley provided an update on the School Readiness Plan and Success By 6.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Holder adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 10:36 AM.

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Attendance with 12 Month History

	LAST	FIRST	MAR 2013	APR 2013	MAY 2013	JUN 2013	JUL 2013	AUG 2013	SEPT 2013	OCT 2013	NOV 2013	DEC 2013	JAN 2014	FEB 2014	MAR 2014
1	Black	Albert	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	X		1		1
2	Breithaupt	Dustin	1	1	1	X		1	1	1	1		1		1
3	Casini	Sofia	1	1	1	1		X	1	E	1		1		1
4	Elsner	Larry	1	1	X	1		1	1	1	1		NO FEB MEETING		
5	Holder	Kyle	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1		1
6	Huston	Aletha	E	1	1	1		1	X	1	1		E		1
7	Keith-Thompson	Debra	E	1	1	E		E	E	1	E		1		E
8	Koenig	Laura	X	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1		1
9	Paver	Rhonda	1	1	1	X		E	1	1	1		1		X
10	Porter	Jacquie	1	1	1	X		1	1	1	1		1		1
11	Rodriguez	Cindy	1	1	1	X		1	1	X	1		1		1
12	Son	Brook	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1		1
13	Wallace	Avis	X	1	1	E		X	1	X	X				1
	Total Members Present		9	13	12	7	0	9	11	10	10	0	11	0	11

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