



EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 9, 2014**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 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.

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Holder at 9:07 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 Keith-Thompson's motion, Council Member Black's second on a 9 - 0 vote. Council Members Son and Koenig arrived after the vote.
5. **PRESENTATIONS:** 5-Year Investment Plan: City's FY 2014-19 Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Community Needs Assessment was presented by Neighborhood Housing and Community Development staff.
6. **WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS**
 - a. **Executive Work Group – Chair Holder**
 1. The May Work Session agenda was discussed. The work session will be planned for an extended time.
 - b. **Policy and Finance Work Group – Council Member Son** reported on the Public Engagement process with City PIO to get information from parents with young children. Plans are to invite Paul DiGiuseppe from the Planning & Development Review Department to present about the Imagine Austin Plan in May with the intention to vote on recommendations in June.
 - c. **Providers Work Group – Council Member Koenig** gave an update on work with libraries including a connection to AISD libraries about summer programs.

7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS – Ron Hubbard, Family Health Unit Manager
 - a. Ron moved from the Early Childhood Coordinator position to the Manager position on April 7th. The move means that there will be less focus on early childhood items until the Coordinator position is filled. The ECC's role in choosing the next Coordinator was discussed since the position was created at the request of the then Child Care Commission in the late 1980's. Chair Holder will compose a letter to communicate the ECC's wish to be involved in the choice of the Coordinator and have it for approval at the May meeting.
 - b. An update was provided about the National League of Cities meeting in Chicago attended by Ron, Vice Chair Porter, Council Member Koenig, and Dr. Murillo.
 - c. The transition from a seven to eleven member City Council was discussed. The impact on Boards and Commissions is being planned and discussed.

8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – Sue Carpenter provided an update on the School Readiness Plan and Success By 6.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Holder adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 10:40 AM.

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Attendance with 12 Month History

	LAST	FIRST	MAY 2013	JUN 2013	JUL 2013	AUG 2013	SEPT 2013	OCT 2013	NOV 2013	DEC 2013	JAN 2014	FEB 2014	MAR 2014	APR 2014
1	Black	Albert	1	1		1	1	1	X		1		1	1
2	Breithaupt	Dustin	1	X		1	1	1	1		1		1	X
3	Casini	Sofia	1	1		X	1	E	1		1		1	1
4	Elsner	Larry	X	1		1	1	1	1		1		1	1
5	Holder	Kyle	1	1		1	1	1	1		1		1	1
6	Huston	Aletha	1	1		1	X	1	1		E		1	1
7	Keith-Thompson	Debra	1	E		E	E	1	E		1		E	1
8	Koenig	Laura	1	1		1	1	1	1		1		1	1
9	Paver	Rhonda	1	X		E	1	1	1		1		X	1
10	Porter	Jacquie	1	X		1	1	1	1		1		1	1
11	Rodríguez	Cindy	1	X		1	1	X	1		1		1	E
12	Son	Brook	1	1		1	1	1	1		1		1	1
13	Wallace	Avis	1	E		X	1	X	X		E		1	1
	Total Members Present		12	7	0	9	11	10	10	0	11	0	11	11

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