



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 14, 2014**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 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 8:47 AM.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Chair Holder asked guests to introduce themselves.
 - Council Member Brook Son was congratulated on her being named recipient of the Jeannette Watson Advocate of the Year Award by the Austin Association for the Education of Young Children.
 - Chair Holder announced that Council Member Casini has submitted her resignation to be effective July 1st.
2. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None
3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The April 9, 2014 regular meeting Minutes were approved on Council Member Huston's motion, Council Member Keith-Thompson's second on a 9 – 0 vote. Council Member Son arrived after the vote.
5. **PRESENTATIONS:** IMAGINE AUSTIN Plan and Children and Families - Paul DiGiuseppe, Principal Planner, City of Austin Planning and Development Review Department presented and answered question about adjustments to the Plan to include more goals and issues related to young children and families. An action item for recommendations to Imagine Austin will be included on the June ECC Agenda.
6. **WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS**
 - a. **Executive Work Group – Chair Holder**
 1. The Work Session was delayed until the fall to have time for a more comprehensive look and thoughtful planning, and to include the new Early Childhood Coordinator. Discussion followed.
 2. Vice Chair Porter gave an update on Austin ISD's plans for the Allan Elementary site.

- b. Policy and Finance Work Group – Council Member Son provided an update on the Public Engagement process with City PIO.
 - c. Providers Work Group – Council Member Koenig presented a document regarding considerations about the Carousel Project Resolution from City Council and her meeting with PARD staff. The Feasibility Document recommendations were approved with minor edits on Council Member Koenig’s motion, Council Member Huston’s second on a 10 – 0 vote.
7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS – Ron Hubbard, Family Health Unit Manager, reported that the Early Childhood Coordinator position posting had closed with 106 applicants. A letter recommending that the ECC Chair serve on the interview panel for the Coordinator position was approved on Council Member Keith-Thompson’s motion, Vice Chair Porter’s second on a 10 – 0 vote.
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	JUN 2013	JUL 2013	AUG 2013	SEPT 2013	OCT 2013	NOV 2013	DEC 2013	JAN 2014	FEB 2014	MAR 2014	APR 2014	MAY 2014
1	Black	Albert	1		1	1	1	X		1		1	1	X
2	Breithaupt	Dustin	X		1	1	1	1		1		1	X	1
3	Casini	Sofia	1		X	1	E	1		1		1	1	X
4	Eisner	Larry	1		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	X	1	1		E		1	1	1
7	Keith-Thompson	Debra	E		E	E	1	E		1		E	1	1
8	Koenig	Laura	1		1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1
9	Paver	Rhonda	X		E	1	1	1		1		X	1	1
10	Porter	Jacquie	X		1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1
11	Rodriguez	Cindy	X		1	1	X	1		1		1	E	1
12	Son	Brook	1		1	1	1	1		1		1	1	1
13	Wallace	Avis	E		X	1	X	X		E		1	1	X
	Total Members Present		7	0	9	11	10	10	0	11	0	11	11	10

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