



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 12, 2014**

The Early Childhood Council convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room, in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance: Kyle Holder (Chair), Jacquie Porter (Vice-Chair), Albert Black, Larry Elsner, Aletha Huston, Laura Koenig, Anurita Mitra, Cindy Rodriguez, Brook Son and Avis Wallace. Staff in Attendance: Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) staff - Ron Hubbard and Cynthia Gamez were in attendance.

Chair Holder called the Board Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS: None
2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None
3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The October 8, 2014, regular meeting Minutes were approved on Council Member Porter's motion. Council Member Black seconded on a 7-0-1 vote with Council Member Laura Koenig abstaining.
5. PRESENTATIONS: None

6. WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS

- Executive Work Group –Chair Holder informed members of the 2015 Work Plan process. Members were advised to review and discuss any revisions needed during their work group meetings in November and December. Goal is to approve the plan in January 2015. Chair Holder informed members about the upcoming National League of Cities outplacement. Katie Whitehouse will be in town and is available for technical assistance in regards to preparing briefings and a toolkit for visits with elected officials. Chair Holder asked for volunteers who could meet with Katie while she is in town. Council Member Koenig will send a Doodle invite with possible meeting dates/times. A Special Called meeting will be necessary if a quorum is available to meet. Most members are available the first week of December. Council Member Houston is available during the first week Katie is in town.

Policy and Finance Work Group – Council Member Son announced that the group met after the last ECC meeting to discuss the work plan and also agreed to acknowledge the Parent Engagement project leads. Council Member Houston read the following acknowledgement: *“The city of Austin Early Childhood Council wishes to thank Tara Carmean, Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Service, Research and Planning Division, and Larry Schooler, City of Austin Public Information Office, for their extraordinary work on the Parent Engagement Project, which provided valuable information about parents’ opinions and needs in the Austin/Travis county area. This work will inform the 2015-2018 School Readiness Action Plan, assuring that it represents goals and actions*

that address important parent concerns.” Council Member Son added that an Ad hoc team representing the ECC and SRAP Leadership team also contributed to the project. A motion from the committee was made to present recognition certificates and acknowledgement from the Early Childhood Council to Tara Carmean, Larry Schooler, and the ad hoc team for the complex work and shared effort involved. Council Member Porter seconded. Motion passed 10-0-0.

- Provider’s Work Group – Did not meet

7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS –

- Cindy Gamez briefed the Council on the FY15 Social Services contracts and the FY16 Social Services RFA update. FY15 funding remains the same as FY14 due to contract extensions. If City Council approves the PHHS Social Services funding recommendations, there will be an increase of over \$800K in early childhood funding from FY15 to FY16.
- NLC Outplacement agenda item was discussed during Executive Committee Work Group
- Cindy Gamez briefed the Council on the Pre-K resolution. A Communications Plan was distributed to the Council Members outlining one-to-one outreach strategy by City of Austin offices (i.e. WIC, Neighborhood Centers, Rec Centers, Public Library) who interact with families with children 0 to 4 years of age.

8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – Alison Bentley reported that the October 31st ECE Stakeholder meeting was very well attended. They are now pulling together all the tactics information from that meeting. The Data work group is starting to work on performance measures. Next steps involve the SRAP leadership team prioritizing the tactics.

9. RELATED GROUPS – None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – 2015 Work Plan Revisions/Discussion

ADJOURNMENT - Chair Holder adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m. without objection.