



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015, 9:00 AM  
CITY HALL, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
301 WEST SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. INTRODUCTIONS
2. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first five speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 8, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes**
5. PRESENTATIONS:
  - a. Head Start 101 – Sharon Haney, Child Inc.
6. WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS
  - a. Executive Work Group – Kyle Holder
    - i. School Readiness Action Plan – *(Possible Action Item: Recommendation for City Council to endorse newly revised School Readiness Action Plan and Recommendation and approval for Cooperative Agreement to be signed by ECC Chair )*
  - b. Policy and Finance Work Group – Brook Son
    - i. NLC Cross Site Visit in Jacksonville, FL – Aletha Huston
    - ii. CDBG Community Planning Process – *(Possible Action Item: Recommendation to City Council in support of continued funding for CDBG child care funding through Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department)*

- iii. Update on development of Recommendations to City Council including one about Passages funding and another about the community-wide need for/gaps in non-CCS (subsidized) flexible child care funding - ***(Possible Action Item: Recommendation to City Council that FY16 funding [~\$160,000] be identified and allocated to protect families in the Passages Program from loss of child care services.)***
- c. Providers Work Group – Laura Koenig
- 7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS - Cindy Gamez, Early Childhood Acting Supervisor, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Division
  - a. NLC Site Visit – June 15<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup>
  - b. ECC appointments update
- 8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – Alison Bentley
  - a. Success by 6 Stakeholder Meeting Update
- 9. RELATED GROUPS (Only as needed)
  - a. City/County/AISD Joint Committee
  - b. Austin Association for the Education of Young Children
  - c. Commission for Women
  - d. Child Care Licensing
  - e. Workforce Solutions
  - f. Early Education Consortium Summit in Washington, D.C. – Rhonda Paver
- 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
  - a. Next meeting June 10, 2015
  - b. A/TC HHSD Budget Presentation

## ADJOURNMENT

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