



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 8, 2015**

The Early Childhood Council convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance: Kyle Holder (Chair), Jacquie Porter (Vice-Chair), Larry Elsner, Aletha Huston, Laura Koenig, Anurita Mitra, Rhonda Paver, and Brook Son. Staff in Attendance: Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) staff – Ron Hubbard.

Chair Holder called the Board Meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

1. INTRODUCTION: Members of the audience introduced themselves to the Council members.
2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None
3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The March 11, 2014, regular meeting Minutes were approved on Council Member Koenig's motion, Vice-Chair Porter's second on a 7-0 vote with Council Member Mitra arriving after the vote.
5. PRESENTATION: Loss of Child Care Voucher Program for Passages – Kathleen Ridings, Salvation Army, discussed the ramifications of the loss of child care funding for homeless families that will occur in 2016. She asked the ECC to recommend assistance for the program. Handouts were provided. Chair Holder referred the item to the Policy Work Group, and the item will be on the Agenda in May for action.
6. WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS
 - Executive Work Group –
 - Council Members Huston presented about the Austin Two-Generation Vision. The Vision was endorsed by AISD.
 - The ECC approved endorsement of the Two-Generation Vision on Council Member Elsner's motion, Council Member Huston's second on an 8-0 vote.
 - The ECC approved a recommendation to City Council that City Council endorse the Two-Generation Vision on Council Member Elsner's motion, Vice Chair Porter's second on an 8-0 vote.
 - May's ECC Agenda should include the endorsement and recommendation for City Council endorsement of the newly revised School Readiness Plan.
 - Policy and Finance Work Group – Council Member Son reported on the Parent Engagement Project Report and the discussion of work with National League of Cities about engaging the City Council more in early childhood issues. Council Member Huston made a suggestion to reach out to Chief Acevedo since many police departments have expressed support of early childhood as a crime prevention strategy.
 - Provider's Work Group –

- Council Member Koenig reported the work group has not met.

7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS –

- Ron Hubbard reported on the death of Reba Gillman, long-time early childhood professional, who worked and served on the Board at Austin Community Nursery Schools (now Mainspring), and who mentored many early childhood folks still working in Austin.

8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE –

- a. Alison Bentley reported on SB6 Action Plan.

9. RELATED GROUPS – None

- a. Austin AEYC – Amy Wong Mok reported.
- b. E3 Alliance – Council Member Koenig reported on E3’s School Readiness meeting.
- c. Early Education Consortium Summit in Washington, D.C. – Council Member Paver reported that she’s been invited to attend the summit, and can report back in May.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

- a. Child Inc Head Start Presentation
- b. Workforce Commission Annual Child Care Report
- c. CDBG Child Care funding recommendation

ADJOURNMENT - Chair Holder adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m. without objection.