



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 12, 2015**

The Early Childhood Council convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2015, at The Allan Center in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance: Kyle Holder, Larry Elsner, Aletha Huston, Roscoe Overton, Rhonda Paver, Jacquie Porter, Monica Sanchez, Jenn Studebaker, and Sebastian Wren. Staff in Attendance: Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) staff – Cindy Gamez, Ron Hubbard, and Rosamaria Murillo.

Chair Holder called the Board Meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** 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 June 10, 2015, regular meeting Minutes were approved on Council Member Holder’s motion, Council Member Paver seconded on a 9-0-0 vote.
5. **STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS –**
 - All new and returning members of the Early Childhood Council introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their educational/professional background to HHSD staff and audience.
 - Ron Hubbard presented on the Early Childhood Council’s history and mission
 - Cindy Gamez reviewed the Terms of Office for each Early Childhood Council member
 - Cindy Gamez updated Council members on general changes affecting all Boards and Commissions Bylaws. Items in the ECC Bylaws requiring ECC vote were as follows:
 - Article 4 (A) – Motion to keep current officers as Chair and Vice-Chair was made by Council Member Studebaker and seconded by Council Member Porter. Motion passed on a 9-0-0 vote.
 - Article 7 (D) – Motion to keep current meetings of the ECC as monthly meetings was made by Council Member Huston and seconded by Council Member Paver. Motion passed on a 9-0-0 vote.
 - Article 8 (A) – Motion to not have standing committees on the ECC was made by Council Member Porter and seconded by Council Member Overton. Motion passed on a 9-0-0 vote.
 - A motion to approve the bylaws was made by Council Member Huston and seconded by Council Member Studebaker. Motion passed on a 9-0-0 vote.
 - Discussion regarding Officer Elections and possible nominees for Chair and Vice Chair took place.

- Motion to vote for Chair and to table the Vice-Chair nomination was made by Council Member Studebaker and seconded by Council Member Huston. 5 Ayes and 4 Objections. Motion did not pass.
- Motion to establish a nominating committee who could put together a ballot for vote was made by Council Member Huston and seconded by Council Member Studebaker. Motion was amended to add that a vote would not take place today. Motion passed on a 9-0-0 vote.
- Council Members Paver and Studebaker volunteered to be on the nominations committee.
- Motion to name Council Member Huston as Acting Chair was made by Council Member Elsner and seconded by Council Member Paver. Motion passed on a 9-0-0 vote.

6. **SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE –**

- a. Alison Bentley reported on the Early Childhood Stakeholder meeting. A recommendation to use the Allan Center as a community space was discussed. The School Readiness Leadership Team is finalizing tactics to the work plan.

7. **RELATED GROUPS –** No reports

ADJOURNMENT – Cindy Gamez adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m. without objection.