



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, November 18, 2015**

The Early Childhood Council convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance: Cathy Doggett, Larry Elsner, Kyle Holder, Aletha Huston, Roscoe Overton, Rhonda Paver, Jacquie Porter, Monica Sanchez, Brook Son, and Sebastian Wren. Staff in Attendance: Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) staff – Cindy Gamez.

Chair Holder called the Board Meeting to order at 9:04 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 October 14, 2015, regular meeting Minutes were approved on Council Member Huston’s motion, Council Member Elsner seconded on a 8-0-0 vote.
5. Presentations – None
6. WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS –
  - a) Executive Work Group –
    - i. Council Member Holder discussed a possible Early Childhood Champion request to Mayor and/or City Council. Members agreed to table vote on a formal request. Instead, all agreed to continue dialogue with Mayor’s staff to identify strategies and discuss what an “Early Childhood Champion” looks like. Members also agreed to meet with their Council Member to start a dialogue. A suggestion was made to let Mayor staff know that ECC members are happy to be involved in the on-going Pre-K meetings with AISD, City/County, E3 Alliance, and United Way. Members also agreed to coordinate visits to City Council with United Way so that requests to Council are coordinated.
  - b) Policy and Finance Work Group -
    - i. Council Member Son reported that the Child Care Continuity Funding recommendation went to the HHS Sub-Committee. Policy Work Group will hold a special meeting in December to plan and collect demographic information for a briefing to the sub-committee. Partners from County , United Way and Workforce Solutions will be invited. Members requested the HHSD presentation to the HHS Sub-Committee in November.
  - c) Provider Work Group – Did not meet. HHSD Staff will follow up with Council Member Paver regarding possibly chairing work group. Council Member Overton also volunteered to chair if needed.

7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS –

- a. HHSD staff, Cynthia Gamez, reported on the National League of Cities Cross-Site meeting in Nashville, TN held November 5-6, 2015. Meeting was the last for the technical assistance grant. Austin reported on increase in Pre-K enrollment and the 3yr old Pre-K Private-Public partnership as successful Governance/Infrastructure outcomes.

8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – No report

9. RELATED GROUPS – None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – HHSD Director Greeting

**ADJOURNMENT** –Chair Holder adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m. without objection.