



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Wednesday, March 11, 2015**

The Early Childhood Council convened in a Special Called meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at United Way for Greater Austin, in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance: Kyle Holder (Chair), Jacquie Porter (Vice-Chair), Albert Black, Dustin Breithaupt, Larry Elsner, Aletha Huston, Laura Koenig, Anurita Mitra, and Brook Son. Staff in Attendance: Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) staff – Dr. Rosamaria Murillo, Rachel Farley, Ron Hubbard and Cynthia Gamez

Chair Holder called the Board Meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS: Members of the audience introduced themselves.
2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None
3. **United Way Briefing on Early Childhood to City Council and staff to include closing remarks by Early Childhood Council Chair, Kyle Holder:**

Sue Carpenter with United Way presented on the Early Childhood Dashboard and the School Readiness Action Plan updates. The presentation also included an update on early childhood funding by the City of Austin. \$2.5Million was allocated to ECE in FY15 and an estimated \$3.5Million will be allocated in FY16. A call to action by the City of Austin was proposed to include support for Pay for Success Home Visiting interventions, more focus from Parks and Recreation Department on young children and families, a proposal of a child care center tax exemption, and identifying a Champion for Early Childhood at the local elected official level.

ADJOURNMENT - Chair Holder adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. without objection.