



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 10, 2016**

The Early Childhood Council convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at The Allan Center in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance: Larry Elsner, Kyle Holder, Roscoe Overton, Rhonda Paver, Jacquie Porter, and Sebastian Wren. Staff in Attendance: Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) staff – Cindy Gamez and Laura Williamson.

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS: Members of the audience introduced themselves to the Council members.
2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Member Porter – Agenda Item 6Bi and 6bii
3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Holder moved to approve the March 11, 2015 Special Called Meeting Minutes and Member Sanchez seconded. Minutes were approved on a 7-0-0 vote. Member Holder moved to approve the June 9, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes and Member Porter seconded. Minutes were approved with a 7-0-0 vote.
5. Presentations – John Miller, Financial Manager with the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department updated members on the FY2016-2017 proposed budget. A focus for City Council is to know how the social services dollars are impacting our community.
6. WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS –
 - a) Executive Work Group –
 - i. ECC Retreat - Discussion to hold two retreat planning meetings took place. The ECC Policy Work Group will meet on August 23rd (10am-11:30am) and September 6th (1:30pm-3pm) to plan. Location to be determined.
 - ii. Motion by Member Holder to write a letter of appreciation or request a Proclamation for Ron Hubbard’s dedication and years of service to early childhood. Member Porter seconded. Motion was approved on a 7-0-0 vote. Member Holder will draft language and send to staff liaison to submit to City Clerk’s office.
 - b) Policy and Finance Work Group -
 - i. The possible action items for the City of Austin Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Proposal and the School Readiness Action Plan Team Advocacy letter were tabled. No action taken due to not having a voting quorum as one member had a conflict of interest and would need to abstain. A Special Called Meeting was proposed for a possible August 24th meeting date at United Way.
 - c) Provider Work Group – Did not meet

7. STAFF BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS –

- a. Early Childhood Social Services Contracts – Member Holder made a motion to approve the Recommendation for Council Action related to Austin Community College’s Teacher TRAC program. Member Paver seconded. Motion passed on a 7-0-0 vote. Member Holder made a motion to approve the Recommendation for Council Action related to Workforce Solutions QC3 program. Member Paver seconded. Motion passed on a 7-0-0 vote. Both RCA’s are on the consent agenda and will be reviewed by Council on August 18th.

8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – No report

9. RELATED GROUPS – None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None

ADJOURNMENT –Chair Elsner adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m. without objection.