



EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
January 12, 2022, 8:30 A.M.

CITY HALL, BOARD AND COMMISSION ROOM #1101
301 WEST SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first five speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from November 10, 2021, meeting

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Review and discuss Workforce Solutions Capital Area's response to the ECC memo approved at the November 10, 2021, meeting

3. NEW BUSINESS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS

- a. Policy Work Group proposed actions- Anna Lisa Conlin
 - i. Resolution to ask the City to acknowledge the challenges and stress of child care service providers during the COVID-19 pandemic and to acknowledge the impactful contribution of the child care sector to the City's economy
 - ii. Discuss draft proclamation and ECC letter honoring Leonor Vargas and her contribution to early childhood education, children, families, and the public school system
- b. Joint Inclusion Committee updates- Raul Alvarez
 - i. Appointment of 3 ECC members to attend the Joint Inclusion Committee budget meeting on January 29, 2022
- c. Community Engagement Work Group updates
 - i. ECC Budget Forum on February 19, 2022
 - ii. Community Advancement Network (CAN) Expanding Opportunity Forum on "Building a Family-Friendly Workplace" on February 9, 2022
- d. Discuss ways ECC members can promote the Best Place for Working Parents campaign (January 10 - February 11, 2022) – Cathy McHorse

4. STAFF UPDATES

- a. COVID-19 updates
- b. KinderCare at Bergstrom Tech opening and enrollment updates

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Update about Head Start from Child Inc

b. Child care staffing shortage in Austin

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