



**REGULAR MEETING of the EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022, 8:30 A.M.
CITY HALL, BOARD AND COMMISSION ROOM #1101
301 WEST SECOND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

Some members of the Early Childhood Council may be participating by videoconference.

Public comment will be allowed in person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once, either in person or remotely, and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely, call or email Caitlin Oliver, Program Coordinator, Austin Public Health, at 512-972-6205 or Caitlin.Oliver@austintexas.gov.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS/COMMISSIONERS:

*Cathy McHorse, Chair
Raul Alvarez
Eliza Gordon
Johanna Hosking Pulido
Cynthia McCollum
Casie Schennum*

*Matt Worthington, Vice Chair
Ashley Bliss Lima
Tom Hedrick
Aletha Huston
Rhonda Paver*

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first five speakers to register prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Early Childhood Council Regular Meeting on August 13, 2022

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Updates from related groups (as needed), including Austin Chapter of the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Austin ISD, Child Care Regulation, Child

- Inc, E3 Alliance, Success By 6 Coalition, Workforce Solutions Capital Area, and other groups in attendance
3. Presentation by Jeremy Garza, Equity Office, regarding City quality-of-life study for some boards & commissions, including the Early Childhood Council
 4. Updates from Raul Alvarez regarding the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC), including an overview of the process for proceeding with a quality-of-life study

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Approve the creation of and appointment of members to a working group with authorization to make decisions about the quality-of-life study on behalf of the Early Childhood Council
6. Approve a recommendation from the ECC Policy Work Group regarding City of Austin fee waivers for child care programs

WORK GROUP UPDATES

7. Updates from Policy Work Group, including considerations about new City Council members in 2023

STAFF BRIEFINGS

9. Staff briefing by Caitlin Oliver, Austin Public Health, regarding COVID-19

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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