



**REGULAR MEETING of the EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
JANUARY 11, 2023, 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
Ashley Bliss Lima
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*Raul Alvarez
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Cynthia McCollum
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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 November 9, 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

WORKGROUP UPDATES

3. Update from the Quality-of-Life Study Workgroup related to the content of the study
4. Update from the FY 2023-24 Budget Workgroup about the workgroup meeting on January 18, 2023

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion and possible action on Quality-of-Life (QoL) Study Workgroup membership, study content, and the joint QoL Study Workshop on February 5, 2023
6. Discussion and possible action on FY 2023-24 budget priorities to put forward to the Joint Inclusion Committee
7. Discussion and possible endorsement of the Texas Prenatal to Three (PN-3) Collaborative's policy priorities for the 88th Texas Legislative Session
8. Discussion and possible action to recommend City Council amplify the 2023 Best Place for Working Parents campaign and to ask that City elected officials and departments encourage local businesses to participate in the initiative
9. Discussion and possible action on proposed definition of "affordable, high-quality child care" for City of Austin business purposes

STAFF BRIEFINGS

10. COVID-19 and other respiratory illness updates from Caitlin Oliver, Austin Public Health

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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