



**REGULAR MEETING of the EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 8, 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](mailto:Caitlin.Oliver@austintexas.gov).

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS/COMMISSIONERS:**

*Cathy McHorse, Chair  
Ashley Bliss Lima  
Tom Hedrick  
Johanna Hosking Pulido  
Rhonda Paver*

*Raul Alvarez  
Eliza Gordon  
Aletha Huston  
Cynthia McCollum  
Casie Schennum*

**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 January 11, 2023

**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. Recognition of Early Childhood Council (ECC) commissioners whose terms end on February 28, 2023
4. Discussion regarding the time and meeting location for the April 2023 ECC Regular Meeting

### **WORKGROUP UPDATES**

5. Update from the Quality-of-Life (QoL) Study Workgroup regarding the Request for Proposal and the joint QoL Study Workshop
6. Update from the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Workgroup regarding budget recommendations and timeline

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

7. Discussion and possible action on Quality-of-Life (QoL) Study Workgroup membership, study content, Request for Proposal, and the joint QoL Study Workshop
8. Discussion and possible action on FY 2023-24 budget recommendations and timeline
9. Discussion and possible action on an "affordable, high-quality child care" definition for the purposes of City business and policy related to child care in new City facilities and City-sponsored projects

### **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

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

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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