



**REGULAR MEETING of the EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL  
MARCH 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  
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*Raul Alvarez  
Corie Cormie  
John Green-Otero  
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 February 8, 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. Updates about Week of the Young Child, April 2-8, 2023, City proclamations and events
4. Update from Tom Hedrick regarding the February ECC meeting public comment about Austin Energy power restoration to child care programs
5. Discussion regarding the time and meeting location for the April 2023 ECC Regular Meeting
6. Presentation by Austin Public Health regarding the Social Services Early Childhood Issue Area RFP solicitation

*Presenters:*

- Akeshia Johnson Smothers, Program Manager III, Social Services Agreement Administration Area, Health Equity and Community Engagement (HECE) Division
  - Michelle Friedman, Interim Manager, Community and Family Support (CFS) Unit, HECE Division
  - Ashlee Kraus, Social Services Funding Specialist, CFS Unit, HECE Division
7. Presentation from the Housing and Planning Department regarding the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Action Plan Community Needs Assessment

*Presenters:*

- Jamey May, Housing & Community Development Officer
- Chris Duran, Research Analyst Senior

### **WORKGROUP UPDATES**

8. Update from the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Workgroup regarding budget recommendations and timeline
9. Update from the Quality-of-Life (QoL) Study Workgroup regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) and the Joint Inclusion Committee QoL Study Workshop

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

10. Discussion and possible action to approve a recommendation regarding early childhood investments for the FY 2023-24 City budget
11. Discussion and possible action to approve the Early Childhood Council QoL Study RFP

### **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

12. Updates from Caitlin Oliver, Austin Public Health, about a public health training series for child care providers

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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