



**REGULAR MEETING of the EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL  
APRIL 11, 2023, 6:00 P.M.  
AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY UNIVERSITY HILLS BRANCH  
4721 LOYOLA LANE  
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  
Corie Cormie  
John Green-Otero  
Aletha Huston  
Maggie Jaime  
Casie Schennum*

*Ashley Bliss Lima  
Eliza Gordon  
Tom Hedrick  
Johanna Hosking Pulido  
Cynthia McCollum  
Leonor Vargas*

**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 March 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. Presentation by the Intergenerational Resource & Activity Center (IRAC) Advisory Group regarding a proposal for the Nash Hernandez, Sr. Building

*Presenters:*

- Dr. Amy Bryan, Human Development and Family Sciences, The University of Texas at Austin
- Dr. Jacqueline Angel, Health & Social Policy and Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin

4. Updates from Cathy McHorse regarding the Austin-Travis County Children's Funding Project

### **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

5. Updates from Caitlin Oliver, Austin Public Health, regarding the Early Childhood Social Service Contract Solicitation process

### **WORKGROUP UPDATES**

6. Update from the Quality-of-Life (QoL) Study Workgroup regarding the Request for Proposals (RFP)

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the Early Childhood Council QoL Study RFP and workgroup membership
8. Discussion and possible action to endorse the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission Budget [Recommendation 20230313-2a](#) for increased emergency housing assistance
9. Discussion and vote to approve Early Childhood Council 2023 chair and vice chair
10. Discussion and possible action to appoint a liaison to the Joint Inclusion Committee

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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