



**REGULAR MEETING of the EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
OCTOBER 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:

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Ellana Selig*

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 September 13, 2023

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Updates from Rachel Farley, Austin Public Health (APH), regarding child care at the Civitan Neighborhood Park, response to City Council about the Intergenerational Resource and Activity Center (IRAC) resolution, the solicitation for early childhood

social services, Land Development Code amendments regarding child care, and child care at the Dove Springs Public Health Facility

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. 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
4. Presentation by David Feigen, Director of Early Learning Policy at Texans Care for Children, regarding the potential impact of the 88th Texas Legislative Session on the early childhood sector
5. Presentation by Nicole Robinson, Director of Child Care Contracts at Workforce Solutions Capital Area, regarding the Start Early report and next steps
6. Updates from the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) staff liaison Alejandra Mireles, Equity Office, about the JIC Budget Townhalls and updates from the JIC representatives regarding recommendations brought forth by the Human Rights Commission at the last JIC regular meeting that promote the well-being of youth and their families

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. Approve 2024 Early Childhood Council regular meeting calendar

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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