



**REGULAR MEETING of the EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 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  
Corie Cormie  
Choquette Hamilton  
Maggie Jaime  
Casie Schennum  
Leonor Vargas*

*John Green-Otero, Vice Chair  
Eliza Gordon  
Tom Hedrick  
Cynthia McCollum  
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 October 11, 2023

**STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Updates from Rachel Farley, Austin Public Health (APH), regarding the Chapter 26 application for park land at Civitan Neighborhood Park, the solicitation for early

childhood social services, and the Request for Proposals for a child care program operator at the Dove Springs Public Health Facility

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

3. Approve a recommendation to City Council regarding the Chapter 26 application for park land at Civitan Neighborhood Park

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4. Updates from Margo Kinneberg, UWATX, regarding the cost modeling project of early childhood services in Travis County
5. Presentation from Leonor Vargas regarding the new Mental Health Toolkit developed by the Community Advancement Network (CAN) and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Central Texas
6. Updates from the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) ECC representatives regarding the JIC Budget Town Halls and discussion at the last JIC regular meeting
7. Update on the ECC Quality-of-Life Study Scope of Work and procurement process

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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