



**REGULAR MEETING of the EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 14, 2024, 9:00 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:

*Cathy McHorse, Chair
Alice Navarro
Corie Cormie
Choquette Hamilton
Maggie Jaime
Casie Schennum
Leonor Vargas*

*John Green-Otero, Vice Chair
Brianna Menard
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 January 10, 2024

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Presentation from April Geruso, Planning Department, about updating the 2012 Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, and possible action to appoint a representative to support the

development and implementation of the Imagine Austin comprehensive engagement process

3. Discussion and possible action to change the meeting date for the ECC regular meeting in April
4. Discussion about the budget recommendation process and possible action to establish the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Workgroup

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. 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, Travis County, and other groups in attendance
6. Update from Brooke Freeland, United Way for Greater Austin, about the 2024 Best Place for Working Parents initiative
7. Presentation and discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2024-2029 Consolidated Plan Community Needs Assessment

Presenters:

- Chris Duran, Housing Department Senior Research Analyst
 - Julie Smith, Housing Department Community Engagement Specialist
 - Jamey May, Housing Department Housing & Community Development Officer
 - Helen Howell, Austin Public Health Social Services Funding Specialist Senior
8. Updates from the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) ECC representative, Leonor Vargas, regarding the discussion at the last JIC regular meeting about a resolution to combat anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Arab sentiments in Austin

STAFF BRIEFINGS

9. Updates from Caitlin Oliver, Austin Public Health, regarding updated security measures for City of Austin email accounts and a new required training for commissioners

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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