



REGULAR MEETING of the EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
May 8, 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:

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Andrea McIllwain
Alice Navarro
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 April 16, 2024

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Updates from Caitlin Oliver, Austin Public Health (APH), regarding the family-based child care home tour and updates from related early childhood groups

3. Updates from Cindy Gamez, APH, regarding the transition of some child care work from APH to the Economic Development Department (EDD)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Presentation from Colin Swanson, Executive Director of Mainspring Schools, regarding the services Mainspring plans to provide with the APH Early Childhood RFP funding
5. Presentation by Dr. Choquette Hamilton on the new Success By 6 Coalition (SX6) strategic plan
6. Discuss the federal poverty limit and livability in Austin
7. Discuss federal funding for small businesses
8. Discuss items to take to the Joint Inclusion Committee

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

9. Discussion and vote to approve Quality-of-Life (QoL) Study Workgroup membership
10. Approve a recommendation that the City of Austin endorse the strategies outlined in the white paper by the Children's Funding Project Workgroup

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

11. Updates from the Budget Workgroup about the budget workshop on May 7, 2024, with City departments and other boards & commissions on the Joint Inclusion Committee

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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