



**REGULAR MEETING of the EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 13, 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.

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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 9, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Updates on the Affordable Child Care Now Coalition and Travis County Proposition A

3. Presentation from the Early Childhood Council Quality-of-Life (QoL) Study Workgroup about the updated study timeline and scope
4. Updates from the October Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) meeting, including quorum of JIC representatives for budget season and promoting the JIC's virtual Voices and Choices session on November 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Overview of the Fiscal Year 2026 City of Austin budget process and action to appoint a FY26 budget workgroup

STAFF BRIEFINGS

6. Briefing from Caitlin Oliver, Austin Public Health (APH), regarding the Home Grown grant for home-based child care providers; and updates from related local early childhood groups such as Austin Chapter of the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Austin ISD, and Child Care Regulation

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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