



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024**

The Early Childhood Council convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at City Hall, Board & Commission Room #1101, 301 West Second Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair McHorse called the Early Childhood Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair McHorse, Vice Chair Hamilton, and Members Cormie, Green-Otero, Hedrick, McCollum, McIllwain, Menard, and Navarro

Board Members in Attendance Remotely: Members Schennum and Vargas

Staff in Attendance: Caitlin Oliver, Rachel Farley, Angela Tolle, Donna Sundstrom, Cindy Gamez, Edgar Hurtado, Denise Dunkins, and Alejandra Mireles

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.

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Early Childhood Council Regular Meeting on September 11, 2024
The minutes from the meeting on 9/11/2024 were approved unanimously on Member Cormie's motion and Member Hedrick's second, on a 9-0 vote. Members Navarro and McCollum were absent at time of the vote.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Approve the 2025 Early Childhood Council (ECC) regular meeting calendar

A motion to approve the 2025 ECC regular meeting calendar was made by Member Menard and seconded by Member McIlwain.

A motion to amend the calendar with the following amendment was made by Vice Chair Hamilton and seconded by Member Hedrick. The motion passed unanimously on a 10-0 vote.

The amendment was to revise the calendar to list the April regular meeting as April 9, 2025, at 9 a.m.

A motion to approve the meeting calendar as amended was made by Member Green-Otero and seconded by Member Menard. The motion passed unanimously on a 10-0 vote. Member Navarro was absent at time of the vote.

3. Possible action to appoint an additional ECC member to the Quality-of-Life Study Workgroup
No action was taken.
4. Possible action to appoint a liaison and alternate liaison to represent the ECC at Joint Inclusion Committee meetings
A motion to approve Alice Navarro as liaison to the Joint Inclusion Committee and to approve Andrea McIlwain as the alternate liaison was made by Member Green-Otero and seconded by Member Vargas. The motion passed unanimously on an 11-0 vote.
5. Possible action to authorize an ECC member to speak on behalf of the ECC about the ECC's past budget recommendation and current priorities at the Joint Inclusion Committee's Community Voices & Choices Sessions on October 16, November 6, and November 20, 2024
A motion to authorize Member Hedrick to attend the Voices & Choices Sessions on behalf of the ECC and to speak about the ECC's past budget recommendations was made by Member Green-Otero and seconded by Member Navarro. The motion passed unanimously on an 11-0 vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Presentation by Edgar Hurtado, supervisor in the Austin Public Health (APH) Immunizations Unit, regarding immunization records audits of Austin-Travis County schools and child care programs
Edgar Hurtado; Raquel Acosta, Patient Representative; and Rayna Goransson, Community Worker presented information about the audits that the Austin Public Health Immunizations Unit conducts annually to assess Austin-Travis County school and child care facility immunization record compliance with the state's requirements.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

7. Updates from the Early Childhood Council Quality-of-Life (QoL) Study Workgroup regarding upcoming meetings with the study vendor and collaboration with other boards and commissions managing a QoL study
Member McCollum shared updates about the most recent QOL Study Workgroup meetings and members discussed having a presentation at a future meeting with more details about the study timeline and the study scope.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

8. Briefing from Caitlin Oliver, Austin Public Health (APH), regarding updates from related local early childhood groups such as Austin Chapter of the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Austin ISD, Child Care Regulation, and Travis County
Caitlin Oliver, ECC staff liaison, shared an announcement from the Austin Chapter of the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children about their annual conference on March 1, 2025, and shared that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission has new and adopted child care rules that are effective October 9, 2024.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Members listed the following future agenda items:

- **Presentation about the scope and timeline of the Early Childhood Council Quality-of-Life Study**

Chair McHorse adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m., without objection.

The minutes were approved unanimously at the November 13, 2024, meeting on Member Navarro's motion and Member Hedrick's second, on a 9-0 vote.