



**REGULAR MEETING of the EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
JANUARY 15, 2025, 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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Brianna Menard
Hilda Rivas
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*Choquette Hamilton, Vice Chair
Tom Hedrick
Andrea McIlwain
Alice Navarro
Casie Schennum*

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 November 13, 2024

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Appoint Andrea McIllwain and Eliza Gordon to the Early Childhood Council Quality-of-Life (QoL) Study Workgroup

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Presentation from UpTogether regarding their recent work in Austin and the organization's fiscal year 2026 budget recommendation to City Council

Presenter:

- Meng Qi, UpTogether Southwest Partnership Manager

4. Presentation from Austin Public Health and the Economic Development Department regarding the implementation of a network hub for home-based child care providers in Austin-Travis County

5. Presentation from Go Austin Vamos Austin (GAVA) regarding City of Austin investment in home-based relative (or FFN- Family, Friend, or Neighbor) child care for FY 2026

Presenters:

- Michelle Mejia, Early Childhood & Family Health Lead Organizer
- Monica Guzmán, Policy Director

6. Presentation from the Success By 6 Coalition regarding budget recommendations for FY 2026

Presenter:

- Barbara Grant Boneta, Director, Austin/Travis County Success By 6

7. Overview from the ECC Budget Workgroup of the Fiscal Year 2026 City of Austin budget process and discussion of potential ECC recommendations

STAFF BRIEFINGS

8. Briefing from Caitlin Oliver, Austin Public Health (APH), updates from related local early childhood groups such as Austin Chapter of the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Austin ISD, Travis County, and Child Care Regulation

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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