



## **EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 8:30 a.m.**

**City Hall, Board and Commission Room #1101**

**301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Members:**

Raul Alvarez, Chair (Rentería, D3)  
Cathy McHorse, Vice Chair (Tovo)  
Johanna Hosking (Adler)  
Eliza Gordon (Harper-Madison, D1)  
Matt Worthington (Garza, D2)

Sebastian Wren (Casar, D4)  
Aletha Huston (Kitchen, D5)  
Rebecca Harrison (Flannigan, D6)  
Rhonda Paver (Pool, D7)  
Ashley Bliss Lima (Ellis, D8)

Mary Jane Burson (Alter, D9)  
Ami Cortes-Castillo (Austin ISD)  
Anna Lisa Conlin (Travis County)

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first five speakers signed up 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.

#### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 8, 2020 regular meeting minutes

#### **2. PRESENTATION**

- a. Success By 6 (SX6) Leadership Team early childhood policy agenda- Brooke Freeland, Consultant, United Way for Greater Austin

#### **3. NEW BUSINESS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS:**

- a. Vote to recommend Council add a representative from the ECC to the Joint Inclusion Committee
- b. Policy work group update on boards and commissions budget community engagement meetings
- c. Vote to recommend Council encourage Austin ISD (AISD) to fund teaching assistants for Pre-K classrooms
- d. Vote to recommend Council direct the estimated \$3 million in new property tax revenue from the “Mañana Fund” to early childhood initiatives
- e. Vote to recommend Council maintain funding for Parent Support Specialists within AISD at the current level
- f. Community Partnership and Engagement work group next steps
- g. Success By 6 Mayor and Council office visits about early childhood issues
- h. Week of the Young Child updates (April 13-17)

**4. STAFF BRIEFING-** Rachel Farley, Austin Public Health

- a. Time, location for April 1, 2020, and September 9, 2020, ECC meetings
- b. Updates on child care centers on City of Austin leased/owned properties

**5. RELATED GROUPS** (As needed)

- a. Austin Chapter of the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children
- b. Child Care Licensing
- c. Child Inc.
- d. E3 Alliance
- e. Workforce Solutions

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Next Meeting-** 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, 2020, Uphaus Early Childhood Center, 5200 Freidrich Lane, Austin, TX 78744- Presentation by Neighborhood Housing and Community Development; last opportunity for ECC to make budget-related recommendations

**Possible presentations to schedule:**

- City of Austin Consultant exploring Economic Development Corporations
- Family Connects
- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Austin ISD teen parent program and child care centers

**ADJOURNMENT**

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For more information on the Early Childhood Council, please contact Rachel Farley, Program Coordinator, Austin Public Health, at 512-972-5093 or email: [Rachel.Farley@austintexas.gov](mailto:Rachel.Farley@austintexas.gov).