



EARLY CARE & EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Workforce Solutions Alamo
100 N. Santa Rosa St., Suite 120, Boardroom
San Antonio, TX 78207

June 28, 2024

10:00AM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor (Chair), Betty Munoz, Yousef Kassim, Elizabeth Lutz, Dawn Dixon

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Dr. Henrietta Munoz, Jennifer Martinez, Liza Gomez

STAFF: Adrian Lopez, Eric Vryn, Gabriela Navarro Garcia, Jessica Lockhart, Jessica Villarreal, Kimberly Villarreal, Kristen Rodriguez, Rebecca Espino Balencia, Teresa Chavez, Juan Palencia, Maria Martinez, Erica Spencer

PARTNER STAFF: Jessica Bracamonte, Patricia Alejandro

LEGAL COUNSEL: None.

GUESTS: Victor Azios, Gabriela Horbach, Todd Landry, Jennifer Martinez-ESC20

AGENDA

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

At 10:05AM, Chair Ana DeHoyos O'Connor called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

The roll was called, and a quorum was declared present.

III. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

NONE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

NONE

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES FROM MAY 31, 2024, EARLY CARE & EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

Upon motion by Yosef Kassim and seconded by Liza Gomez, the Committee approved the meeting minutes.

VI. CITY EDUCATION PARTNERS

Presenter: Gladys Hernandez, Director of Talent, City Education Partners

The guest speaker did not attend.

VII. CHILDCARE UPDATES (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Presenter: Jessica Villarreal, Director of Child Care

a. Childcare Performance Briefing

b. Child Care Services: In Care/Waitlist

c. Texas Rising Star Assessment Update

d. Alamo Quality Centers

e. Alamo CCS Provider Type and Capacity

f. Entry Level Designation & Efforts Towards Increasing and Accessing Quality

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g. Child Care Policies

On September 13, 2022, the Commission amended Chapter 809. Although most of the amendments became effective on October 1, 2022, several will become effective with the implementation of Texas Child Care Connection (TX3C) in 2024, including changes to:

- waiting list management.
- expanded age groups for provider payment rates.
- prospective provider payments (paying providers in advance); and
- statewide parent share of cost (PSoC).
- Boards must rescind policies that are no longer required by Chapter 809.

Child Care Department recommends approval of the revisions of the policies outlined below: Motion to vote on the changes that are aligned to TWC by Yosef Kassim and second by Liza Gomez.

CCS 12 Ch 2: Parent Share of Cost:

- Removed sliding scale information
- Removed assessment of parent share of cost information
- Removed discount for selection of a Texas Rising Star provider.

CCS 11 Ch 6: Maintenance of a Waiting List and Board Priority Groups:

- Removed waitlist information from policy
- Remaining policy only covers board priority groups.
- The policy will be renamed Board Priority Groups.

VIII. PROCUREMENT BRIEFING) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Presenter: Gilbert Monk, Assistant Director of Procurement and Contracts

a. Child Care Quality Request for Proposal (RFP) Update

This item will be presented to the Committee and the full Board.

IX. CEO REPORT

Presenter: Adrian Lopez, CEO

a. Child Care Rural Visits Calendar

- **Community Events**
- **James Keith- Director of Public & Govt. Relations, reached out to rural communities and the local newspaper to run a monthly column to inform the community on the services, and resources Workforce Solutions Alamo provides. In addition, to provide center locations nearby. WSA received great responses from 14 local newspapers and agreed to run WSA content.**
- **Childcare Recognition**

X. CHAIR REPORT

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

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XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Committee may move into Executive Session for discussion on any issue for which there is an exception to the Act as set out in section 551.071 et. seq. including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Government Code §551.072 – Discussions Regarding Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property if Deliberation in an Open Meeting Would Have a Detrimental Effect on the Position of Workforce Solutions Alamo in Negotiations with a Third Party;
- b. Government Code §551.071 – All Matters Where Workforce Solutions Alamo Seeks the Advice of its Attorney as Privileged Communications Under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas;
- c. Pending or Contemplated Litigation;
- d. Government Code §551.074 – Personnel Matters Involving Senior Executive Staff and Employees of Workforce Solutions Alamo; and
- e. Government Code §551.089 – Discussions Regarding Security Devices or Audits.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

At 11:05AM Chair Ana DeHoyos O'Connor motion to conclude meeting.