



**MEETING MINUTES - EARLY CARE & EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**October 4, 2024**

**10:00AM**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Yousef Kassim, Liza Gomez, Jennifer Martinez

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Dr. Henrietta Munoz, Dr. Sarah Baray, Eunice Grant, Mark Larson.

**STAFF:** Adrian Lopez, Adrian Perez, Brandee Perez, Eric Vryn, Jessica Lockhart, Jessica Villareal, Kimberly Villareal, Teresa Chavez, Maria Martinez, Vanessa Garcia, Ruby Sanders, James Keith.

**PARTNER STAFF:** None.

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** None.

**GUESTS:** Teresa Harlin, Kim Fowler, Melissa Jozwiak, Todd Landry, Victor Azios

**AGENDA**

*Agenda items may not be considered in the order they appear.*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

**At 10:00AM, 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 AUGUST 23, 2024,**

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Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

**Motion to approve meeting minutes by Liza Gomez and second by Yousef Kassim.**

### VI. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Presenter: Melissa Jozwiak, PhD, Texas A&M University, Professor of Early Childhood

- City of San Antonio Landscape study was discussed. Currently assessing quality and affordable childcare through survey. Sharing in the next 45 days the results of the survey. Concern of legitimacy of the survey sent out to participants. Educare SA is 100% design complete. Ground break for January 2025, opening in 2026. Chair Member Ana DeHoyos O'Connor asked for update on the facility and progress.

### VII. CHILDCARE UPDATES (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Presenter: Jessica Villarreal, Director of Child Care

- a. Local Plan-
  - Shifting of the strategic landscape change in the upcoming.
- b. Child Care Services 11 Policy Update – Approval for removal of FY2024 in policy. Motion carried 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Larson and 2<sup>nd</sup> Liza Gomez.**
- c. Childcare Performance Briefing
  - WSA's unofficial YTD average for FY 2024 is 102.65%. Numbers continue to increase in progress.
- d. Texas Rising Star Assessment Update
  - Total numbers of currently certified centers at 279. 2 star 12, 3 star 96, 4 star 171. Update on numbers for urban and rural learning programs and their totals as of. Report pulled as of September 25, 2024.
- e. Child Care Quality Areas of Focus for 2025
  - Discussion on topics for federally allowable uses for childcare quality funds: training and professional development, TRS, Infant and toddler activities, health and safety, evaluation, National Accreditation Support, Other Allowable activities, supply building activities.

### VIII. PARTNER UPDATES

- a. Early Matters
  - Todd Landry Recently held their bi-annual partner meeting. Upcoming meeting for a workgroup to help New Braunfels build on their local plan.
- b. United Way
  - RFP on August 30<sup>th</sup> for Ready Children with 57 applications and cost of around 57 million. Alamo Pathways meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> to collab with mentors, coaches and working on collaboration.
- c. Texas A&M
  - The upcoming project will be announced more toward January.
- d. Pre-k for SA
  - Will launch the study in collaboration with Texas A&M once the results of survey are concluded.

### IX. CEO REPORT

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Presenter: Adrian Lopez, CEO

- a. Child Care Rural Visits Calendar
  - o Discussed upcoming childcare rural support for in-person with titles and dates.
- b. Success Stories
  - o Success stories shown for participants in CCS.

X. CHAIR REPORT

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

**None.**

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.
- None.**

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Presenter: Ana DeHoyos O'Connor, Committee Chair

**Meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM by Mark Larson and Jennifer Martinez.**

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