

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016**

**2:00 P.M.**

**MUNICIPAL PLAZA ROOM B**

**Members Present:** Boardmember Elaine Mendoza, Chair, *Mayoral*  
Boardmember Pamela Ray, *District 2*  
Boardmember Major General Joe Robles, *District 3*  
Boardmember Richard Perez, *District 4*  
Boardmember Gloria Ramirez, *District 5*  
Boardmember Lucy Hall, *District 6*  
Boardmember Frances Guzman, *District 7*  
Boardmember Dr. Shari Albright, Secretary, *District 8*  
Boardmember Dr. Gogi Dickson, *District 9*  
Boardmember Dr. Linda Foster, *District 10*

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**Members Absent:** Boardmember Dr. Richard Middleton, *District*

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**Staff Present:** Peter Zaroni, *Deputy City Manager*; Edward Guzman, *City Attorney's Office*; Kathy Bruck, *Pre-K 4 SA Chief Executive Officer*; Alfredo Martinez, *Pre-K 4 SA Department Fiscal Administrator*; Laura Sambrano, *Finance*; Denise Gallegos, *Finance*

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**Also Present:** Ana Acevedo, *CoSA Education Policy Administrator* Andrea De La Garza, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Brad Davenport, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Krista Solie, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Sarah Perez, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Vickie W. Garza, *Pre-K 4 SA*

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**Call To Order**

Chairwoman Mendoza called the meeting to order.

- 1. Approval of minutes of the February 2, 2016 and February 25, 2016 Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors Meetings.**

Boardmember Foster moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2016 and February 25, 2016 Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting. Boardmember Dickson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Boardmember Perez entered the meeting at this time.

**Individual Briefings**

- 2. Briefing and Board discussion on Pre-K 4 SA Competitive Education Grants for the 2016-2017 Academic Year [Kathy Bruck, Pre-K 4 SA CEO]**

Ms. Bruck gave a briefing followed with board discussion and agencies to be heard for the competitive education grants for the 2016-2017 academic year. The following was discussed:

- a) Staff recommendations of 15 organizations to be awarded a cumulative total of \$4.2 million in Competitive Education Grants for the 2016-2017 Academic Year [Kathy Bruck, Pre-K 4 SA]

Boardmember Hall requested an explanation on how the contracts were being processed. Ms. Bruck reiterated the contracts were reviewed by the City Attorney and the Corporation's external attorney. Boardmember Hall questioned as to whether grant-funded employee in awarded districts would remain employed by said districts. Ms. Bruck explained they would be employed by their district and not a city employee.

Deputy City Manager Zanon noted that the binder packet would have detailed information on the grant contracts.

- b) Agencies and Citizens to be Heard [Interested Agencies and Citizens will have two minutes to address Pre-K 4 SA Competitive Grants]

The following individuals spoke on behalf of their organizations that were recommended to the Board for grant funding:

#### Public/Charter

- Levinia Lara, Northside ISD
- Melinda Baiza, San Antonio ISD
- Carol Harle, Harlandale ISD
- Juliee Verstuyft, Southwest ISD
- Colleen Bohrmann, Northeast ISD
- Sheila Ballagh, Edgewood ISD

#### Private/ Parochial

- Julie Seguin, Hope for the Future Catholic Schools
- William Daily, St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Schools

#### Childcare

- Anna Sweeden, Daughters of Charity
- Felicia Hill, Kindercare
- Melissa Curd, La Petite
- Brenda Perez, Summerlin Childcare
- Rebecca Medina, Nite Owl Childcare
- Nancy Hard, Family Service Association

There were no citizens to be heard at this time.

- c) Board work session/ discussion of Competitive Grant Recommendations.

Chairwoman Mendoza gave a final briefing on the process and recommendations. And reminded that they have due consideration before the actual vote on April 5.

Boardmember Perez thanked the Pre-K 4 SA staff for the diligent work and excellent process. He was impressed with the level of commitment from the agencies that spoke and looks forward to seeing the full completion of this process.

Boardmember Hall also mentioned being impressed with the mapping of the proposed funds throughout the city and commented on the great presentation delivered.

Boardmember Guzman mentioned she is interested in seeing plans from the successful candidates to extend family leadership.

Chairwoman Mendoza closed by saying the educational leaders are focused on delivering the best education to four-year-olds. The Board is working in a way that is transparent, accountable and creditable to best leverage tax payer dollars. Chairwoman Mendoza thanked Ms. Bruck and her staff for the achievement thus far.

### **Consideration of Future Meetings**

- 3. The next meeting of the Board of Directors meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 2:00 pm.**

### **Adjournment**

**There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.**

Boardmember Ray moved to adjourn the Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting. Boardmember Foster seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Elaine Mendoza, Chairperson*

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*Vickie W. Garza, Pre-K 4 SA*