

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017
11:30 AM
NORTH EDUCATION CENTER, TRAINING ROOM 1**

Members Present: Board Member Elaine Mendoza, Chair, *Mayoral*
Board Member Dr. Richard Middleton, *District 1*
Board Member Gloria Ramirez, *District 5*
Board Member Dr. Tracy Hurley, *District 6*
Board Member Frances Guzman, *District 7*
Board Member Dr. Shari Albright, Secretary, *District 8*
Board Member Dr. Gogi Dickson, *District 9*

Members Absent: Board Member Pamela Ray, *District 2*
Board Member Major General Joe Robles, *District 3*
Board Member Richard Perez, *District 4*
Board Member Vacant, *District 10*

Staff Present: Sarah Baray, Ph.D., *Pre-K 4 SA Chief Executive Officer*; Alfredo Martinez, *Pre-K 4 SA*;

Also Present: Brad Davenport, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Alfredo Martinez, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Larrisa Wilkinson, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Andie Rodriguez, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Erin Burnett, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Vickie Garza, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Sarah Perez, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Laura Gomez, *Pre-K 4 SA*;

Call To Order

Chairwoman Mendoza called the meeting to order.

- 1. Citizens to be Heard [Interested speakers will have 3 minutes to address Pre-K 4 SA Board on Pre-K related matters]**

No citizens were present at this time.

- 2. Approval of minutes of the November 7, 2017 Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting**

Board Member Hurley moved to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2017 Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting. Board Member Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Consent Agenda

CEO Update

3. CEO Update to include Family Engagement, social media plans, Requests for Competitive Sealed Proposals, Competitive Grants, hiring, and charter schools [Sarah Baray, Ph.D., Pre-K 4 SA CEO]

Dr. Baray began her CEO update with Family Engagement, reminding the Board of the evaluation and successful restructuring that took place throughout 2017. Dr. Baray briefed the Board on a variety of services and learning opportunities that the Education Centers provide to Pre-K 4 SA families. In order to help families become advocates and ambassadors for their children, Parents as Partners focuses on family leadership and meetings are structured around what the families are interested in learning and sharing with others. Dr. Baray explained that Pre-K 4 SA draws information from the National Center for Family and Community Connections and the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory (SEDL). Research shows that regardless of income levels, students whose parents who are actively engaged with the schools tend to have better educational outcomes. Pre-K 4 SA believes that all parents are involved in the education of their children in traditional ways, and many families also are engaged in ways that are not recognized by schools.

Dr. Baray moved on to discuss advocacy and what it means to develop parents as advocates. At Pre-K 4 SA, families and teachers partner to think about the needs of children and set goals accordingly. Additionally, Pre-K 4 SA helps connect families to build assets and knowledge. In 2017, Pre-K 4 SA identified that program families shared an interest in further serving as advocates for Pre-K 4 SA. Each Center identified a group of families to speak with the community about Pre-K 4 SA and connect with others families. In spring 2018, Pre-K 4 SA is planning for kindergarten transition events so that families of the program have a smooth transition into kindergarten. Resource fairs will allow families an opportunity to meet with representatives of our partner school districts as they pick up or drop off their children at our Centers.

Individual Briefings

4. Briefing of Professional Learning endeavors in 2017-18 school year [Larrisa Wilkinson, Pre-K 4 SA Director of Professional Learning and Program Innovation]

Item 4 will be moved to February Board Meeting.

5. Detailed briefing the Year 4 independent evaluation report [Sarah Baray, Ph.D., Pre-K 4 SA CEO]

Dr. Baray provided a briefing of the Year 4 independent evaluation report. This briefing included an in-depth discussion of GOLD and CLASS evaluations and incorporated individual student skills observed through these assessments. Through further analysis, Dr. Baray found that Pre-K 4 SA teachers may have actually been underestimating the skills of children through the evaluation tools. Dr. Baray explained the purpose for gathering data and putting structures into place, particularly for the physical domain, which will create an opportunity for children to demonstrate their skills help teachers better understand how to document the data.

The Board discussed the skills evaluated by GOLD and CLASS and how teachers provide support for developmental sequences. She continued to explain that in order to successfully accomplish this, teachers must know the process well. Pre-K 4 SA continues to support teachers through professional learning. Dr. Baray further discussed instructional quality for the Education Centers.

Dr. Baray reminded the Board that they would receive a briefing of Professional Learning in February and that the presentation would include more information about professional learning efforts for teachers throughout San Antonio. She noted that many programs in San Antonio utilize CLASS. Through further collaboration with district partners, Pre-K 4 SA can help to move the needle on quality in CLASS scores

Board members inquired about the leadership support in San Antonio. Dr. Baray informed the Board of an early childhood leadership series. Additionally, leaders of Pre-K 4 SA grant recipients are required to attend nine hours of Pre-K 4 SA professional learning. Pre-K 4 SA will continue to push for further leadership development opportunities for San Antonio.

The Board asked when the new Center Director would begin and whether she would be located at the East Center. Dr. Baray confirmed that the new Center Director, Tonda Brown, would be leading the East Center. North Center Director, Sandy Weser, will continue to provide support.

Consideration of Future Meetings

- 6. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, February 6, 2018.**

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Mendoza, Chairperson

Vickie W. Garza, Pre-K 4 SA