

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018  
2:30 PM  
MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, ROOM B**

**Members Present:** Board Member Elaine Mendoza, Chair, *Mayoral*  
Board Member Dr. Richard Middleton, *District 1*  
Board Member Pamela Ray, *District 2*  
Board Member Richard Perez, *District 4*  
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*

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**Members Absent:** Board Member Major General Joe Robles, *District 3*  
Board Member Vacant, *District 10*

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**Staff Present:** Sarah Baray, Ph.D., *Pre-K 4 SA Chief Executive Officer*; Peter Zanon, *Deputy City Manager*; Ed Guzman, *City Attorney's Office*; Larrisa Wilkinson, *Pre-K 4 SA*

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**Also Present:** Brad Davenport, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Andie Rodriguez, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Alfredo Martinez, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Vickie Garza, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Sarah Perez, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Amber French, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Marcos Mora, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Laura Sambrano, *City Finance Office*; Jill Byrd, *Creative Noggin*; Brooke Haley, *Creative Noggin*; John Courage, *City Council District 9*

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**Call To Order**

Chairwoman Mendoza called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of minutes of the February 6, 2018 and February 28, 2018 Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors Meetings**

Board Member Guzman moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2018 and February 28, 2018 Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting. Board Member Dickson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**2. Agencies and Citizens to be Heard [Interested agencies and citizens will have two minutes to address Pre-K 4 SA Board on Pre-K related matters]**

Agencies spoke during this time to acknowledge their gratitude in being selected as a recipient of the Pre-K 4 SA Competitive Grants Program and the opportunity for partnership.

Chairwoman Mendoza thanked all the agencies for speaking and expressing their thoughts on Pre-K 4 SA. She continued to mention the importance of reaching out to the community and partnering

with the agencies to better serve and educate and have the best impact we can with our four year olds throughout the city.

Chairwoman Mendoza requested to move to item 5 for Board action to approve.

### **Individual Briefings**

#### **5. Briefing and Board action to approve entities receiving awards from the Pre-K 4 SA Competitive Grants Program with a total value of up to \$4.3 million [Sarah Baray, Ph.D., Pre-K 4 SA]**

Ms. Wilkinson mentioned to the Board that she would provide a brief presentation on the Competitive Grants Program including award recommendations for 2018-2020 that was presented the previous week in greater detail. She presented awarded agencies, award amounts, and contract templates for all three categories. Ms. Wilkinson scanned the main highlights to the Board and requested approval of the recommended agencies for the Pre-K 4 SA Competitive Grants Program.

Chairwoman Mendoza reiterated to the Board that Ms. Wilkinson presented this information to the Board at the Board Work Session on February 28, where the Board had an in depth conversation regarding funding and processes.

Board Member Perez moved to approve the entities to receive the awards from the Pre-K 4 SA Competitive Grants Program. Board Member Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Chairwoman Mendoza congratulated the awardees and noted that they were free to leave the Board meeting.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **3. Possible Board action to approve an application for a grant from USAA to provide Wolf Trap training to San Antonio education providers [Sarah Baray, Ph.D., Pre-K 4 SA]**

Board Member Perez moved to approve the application for the grant with USAA to provide Wolf Trap training to San Antonio education providers. Board Member Albright seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Before moving into the CEO Update, Chairwoman Mendoza acknowledged Dr. Baray's presence at the Education Forum and her outstanding job representing Pre-K 4 SA. Dr. Baray accepted the gracious acknowledgement from Chairwoman Mendoza and all Board members.

### **CEO Update**

#### **4. CEO Update to include student enrollment, research, upcoming events, and contracts [Sarah Baray, Ph.D., Pre-K 4 SA CEO]**

Dr. Baray began her CEO update with enrollment mentioning that over 2,000 applications have been received. The North and West Education Centers are full as far as acceptances. The East and South Education Centers are filling up and are ahead from previous years. Research projects are

continuing with the Fiesta de los Libros Event that will take place on April 7 at the West Education Center and April 21 at East Education Center. Westat will be conducting the assessments. She moved on to the future approvals that will be presented in April for the Nutrition Services Contracts and Transportation Services Contracts. Westat will have an amended contract to continue the option to renew for the final three years on data gathering. Dr. Baray mentioned she has been working very hard with outreach and promoting Pre-K 4 SA with visits and radio interviews on early childhood learning and the impact on San Antonio and the issues of young children and how measures will be used. Dr. Baray mentioned the Grants Showcase that will take place March 7 at Launch SA where the grant recipients will display the work they have done with in the past two years.

City Council Member Courage was introduced and spoke briefly. He commented that he is a great supporter of Pre-K 4 SA. He also suggested to provide City Council members with a copy of the approved Board minutes.

Board Member Dickson commented that she is confident in Councilman Courage's support.

**6. Briefing and action to accept the FY2018 Six Plus Six Financial Report [Sarah Baray, Ph.D., Pre-K 4 SA; Alfredo Martinez, Pre-K 4 SA Department Fiscal Administrator]**

Chairwoman Mendoza requested with the Board's concurrence to table item 6 as there are negotiations still being made between the City and Pre-K 4 SA.

Board Member Perez moved to approve tabling item 6. Board Member Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**Consideration of Future Meetings**

**7. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.**

**Adjournment**

**There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Elaine Mendoza, Chairperson*

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