

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

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019

2:00 PM

NORTH EDUCATION CENTER, TRAINING ROOM 2

Members Present: Board Member Elaine Mendoza, Chair, *Mayoral*
Board Member Dr. Richard Middleton, *District 1*
Board Member Brandon Logan, *District 2*
Board Member Richard Perez, *District 4*
Board Member Gloria Ramirez, *District 5*
Board Member Dr. Tracy Hurley, *District 6*
Board Member Dr. Shari Albright, Secretary, *District 8*
Board Member Dr. Gogi Dickson, *District 9*
Board Member Jenni Laster, *District 10*

Members Absent: Board Member Major General Joe Robles, *District 3*
Board Member Frances Guzman, *District 7*

Staff Present: Sarah Baray, Ph.D., *Pre-K 4 SA Chief Executive Officer*; Erik Walsh, *City Manager*; Carlos Contreras, *Assistant City Manager*; Ed Guzman, *City Attorney's Office*; Chelsea Mikulencak, *City Attorney's Office*; Vero

Also Present: Brad Davenport, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Andie Rodriguez, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Vickie Garza, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Sarah Perez, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Alfredo Martinez, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Larrisa Wilkinson, *Pre-K 4 SA* Rosario Reyes, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Ruben Betancourt, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Julian Harris, *ITSD*; Jill Byrd, *Creative Noggin*; Paul Chapman, *Creative Noggin*; Samantha Wickwire, *City Council District 10*

Call To Order

Chairwoman Mendoza called the meeting to order.

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

There were no citizens to be heard.

- 2. Reapproval of minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting to reflect clerical adjustments and approval of minutes of the April 9, 2019 Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting**

Board Member Albright moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting to reflect clerical adjustments and approval of the April 9, 2019, Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting. Board Member Logan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

CEO Update

3. CEO Updated to include student enrollment, The Dee Howard Foundation Partnership, professional development summer opportunities, City Auditor results for food service program, competitive grants, Gracias Exhibit Debrief, promotion and outreach opportunities, and shared services pilot program [Sarah Baray, Ph.D., Pre-K 4 SA CEO]

Before Dr. Baray began her CEO update she introduced Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager who will be taking over duties for Peter Zanoni. Mr. Zanoni recently received the position as the City Manager of Corpus Christi. City Manager Erik Walsh briefed the Board Members on Mr. Contreras' background and stated he is a great fit for Pre-K 4 SA. Mr. Walsh will re-evaluate filling Mr. Zanoni's position after the budget process for FY2020. Mr. Contreras gave a brief introduction and stated he is glad to support for Pre-K 4 SA.

Dr. Baray moved on to the CEO update with a status update for enrollment. She discussed that the Dee Howard Foundation and Southwest Independent School District (SWISD) are partnering to form a curriculum that will align aeronautical aerospace and pre-k. Dr. Baray moved on to summer professional development opportunities for teachers and staff. City Auditors results with the food program were completed with no findings. Dr. Baray continued with the Competitive Grants SY 2019-2020 renewal process. She went on to discuss the continuous Quality Improvement Cohort which will serve an additional 12 early learning child development centers with remaining funds of \$50,000.

The Board Members went into discussion about data requested from grant recipients and next steps in moving forward with data collection. They discussed the actuals and projections for students served. The Board requested further information about child development center awardees by City Council District.

Dr. Baray gave a recap of the Gracias Art Exhibit which raised \$10,000 from art work, planner brochures, and fiesta medals with all proceeds benefiting Child Safe. She followed up with promotion and outreach efforts. Dr. Baray attended the Mayor's State of the City Address, hosted the LEGO conference debrief with Dan Menley from the DoSeum, and participated in the Asset Funders Network panel s regarding San Antonio health and wealth for families to raise family prosperity. Pre-K 4 SA is developing a partnership with the Young Women's Leadership Academy at SAISD. Dr. Baray visited Detroit, Michigan to assist with an early learning initiative to be supported by their Mayor. Dr. Baray attended the Urban Land Institute (ULI) San Antonio luncheon which focused on educations connections. MSNBC featured B-Roll of Pre-K 4 SA, and the San Antonio Food Bank will be distributing food to families at the end of the school year in June. Dr. Baray finished her update by introducing a Shared Services pilot program with United Way which will support child development centers. The spring ballet folklorico recital for the South Education Centers will be at the Guadalupe Center on Thursday, May 23, 2019.

Consent Agenda

Individual Briefings

4. Staff briefing on the SB 1882 cooperative partnership with Edgewood ISD and possible Board action to accept the School Transformation Implementation Grant

from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) passed through from Edgewood ISD to Pre-K 4 SA to support the SB 1882 partnership [Sarah Baray, Ph.D., Pre-K 4 SA CEO]

Dr. Baray began her briefing on the SB 1882 partnership with Pre-K 4 SA. The Gardendale Pre-K 4 SA Early Learning Program will open pre-k and kinder classrooms in August 2019. She discussed the possibility to include 1st and 2nd grade for the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Baray discussed the joint process for hiring personnel.

The Board Members went into discussion on the hiring process, funding, and partnering with Edgewood ISD and following SB 1882 requirements. The City Attorneys discussed the roles that will be followed by Pre-K 4 SA.

Dr. Baray continued with her briefing with an update on enrollment at Gardendale. The goal is to have 60 registered in pre-k and 80 in kinder. Facility updates include remodeling existing space including outdoor learning environments. She ended with the School Transformation Continuation Grant that will support Edgewood ISD to fund trainings, stipends, and remodeling. Edgewood also applied for the High Quality Replication Grant will assist in opening and preparing for the replication and will assist with capital outlay, supplies, materials, and evaluations.

Board Member Perez moved to approve the School Transformation Implementation Grant from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) passed through from Edgewood ISD to Pre-K 4 SA to support the SB 1882 partnership. Board Member Logan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Staff briefing of the Puentes al Futuro/Bridges to the Future family engagement program pilot conceptualization and implementation from January through May 2019 [Veronica Flores-Malagon, Pre-K 4 SA Family Program Coordinator]

Ms. Flores-Malagon began her report on the Puentes Al Futuro/ Bridges to the Future pilot program. She gave a brief history of Puentes and Mexican Americans Thinking Together (MATT), program goals, session objectives, and provided further information about curriculum and resources available to families. Ms. Flores-Malagon introduced Ms. Maria Montiel a current parent from the West Education Center who spoke about the benefits of the Puentes Program. Ms. Montiel spoke of the improvement she has noticed with her twin boys since beginning the program. The bilingual books provided have encouraged them to learn Spanish like their grandparents.

Board Members went into a brief discussion on the benefits of the program.

Ms. Flores-Malagon finished her briefing with the next steps for next school year.

Consideration of Future Meetings

6. The Board will reconvene in August 2019.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Mendoza, Chairperson

Vickie W. Garza, Pre-K 4 SA

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