



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors

DEPARTMENT: Pre-K 4 SA

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Sarah Baray, Ph.D.

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Corporation Governing Documents and ILA

SUMMARY:

This item requests Board action to amend the Corporation's Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation to include the SA Ready to Work Initiative, and authorize an Interlocal Agreement with the City of San Antonio for administration of the SA Ready to Work initiative.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On August 9, 2012, the San Antonio City Council authorized the establishment of the San Antonio Early Childhood Development Corporation to oversee implementation of the Pre-K 4 SA initiative under Chapter 379A of the Texas Local Government Code, commonly known as the Better Jobs Act. The Act authorizes a City, through its governing body to create a municipal development corporation to develop and implement programs for:

- job-training;
- early childhood development;
- after school programs;
- scholarships to accredited postsecondary educational institutions;
- promotion of literacy; or
- other programs that directly facilitate the development of a skilled workforce.

In July 2020, Mayor Nirenberg appointed a Workforce and Education Leadership Taskforce to reassess

community workforce development priorities and identify the most effective strategies beyond the immediate crisis. This taskforce included leaders from education, workforce development, asset-building, business, economic development, and philanthropy, with Council Members Rebecca Viagran and Adriana Rocha Garcia serving as liaisons. On August 13, 2020, City Council ordered an election to be held on November 3, 2020 to authorize a 1/8th of a cent sale and use tax not to extend beyond December 31, 2025 to provide for the SA Ready to Work initiative, in accordance with Chapter 379A of the Texas Local Government Code. On November 3, voters approved the SA Ready to Work ballot initiative.

The Better Jobs Act allows for the creation of only one municipal development corporation to develop and implement workforce initiatives. Under the Better Jobs Act, the Corporation can contract or enter into a memorandum of understanding or a similar agreement with a public or private person, including local workforce development boards or any political subdivision, in connection with a program authorized by this chapter.

Corporation bylaws are adopted by the Board of Directors and approved by City Council. Changes made to the bylaws must be approved by City Council. City Council approved the Corporation bylaws on January 31, 2013.

ISSUE:

This item requests Board action to amend the Corporation's Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation to include the SA Ready to Work Initiative, and authorize an Interlocal Agreement with the City of San Antonio for administration of the SA Ready to Work initiative.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could recommend not to proceed with the authorization of Interlocal Agreement for administration of the SA Ready to Work initiative and maintain these functions directly.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for this program is provided through a 1/8th of a cent sale and use tax not to extend beyond December 31, 2025. There is no fiscal impact to Pre-K 4 SA.

RECOMMENDATION:

Pre-K 4 SA staff recommends Board approval to amend the Corporation's Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation to include the SA Ready to Work Initiative, and authorize an Interlocal Agreement with the City of San Antonio for administration of the SA Ready to Work initiative.