



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Pre-K 4 SA

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Sarah Baray, Ph.D., CEO

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

### **SUBJECT:**

Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors Appointments

### **SUMMARY:**

This item allows City Council to approve recommendations for appointments to the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors for City Council Districts 6, 9, and 10.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation (Pre-K 4 SA) Board of Directors is comprised of 11 Board Members. In accordance with the Pre-K 4 SA bylaws, the Board of Directors is appointed by the City Council. Each City Council member and the Mayor appoint one Director to the Board. The Mayor's Appointee serves as the Chairperson of the Board. District appointees do not have to reside in the City Council District for which they are serving.

Board Members serve two-year staggered terms. Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors appointees, their respective City Council Districts, and expiration dates of terms follow.

Mayor - Elaine Mendoza  
May 31, 2019

District 1 - Dr. Richard Middleton  
May 31, 2019

District 2 - Pamela E. Ray  
May 31, 2018

District 3 - Major General Josue "Joe" Robles, Jr.  
May 31, 2019

District 4 - Richard Perez  
May 31, 2018

District 5 - Gloria A. Ramirez  
May 31, 2019

District 6 - Dr. Tracy Hurley (pending City Council approval)  
May 31, 2018

District 7 - Frances Guzman  
May 31, 2019

District 8 - Dr. Shari Albright  
May 31, 2018

District 9 - Dr. Gogi Dickson (pending City Council approval)  
May 31, 2019

District 10 - Elizabeth Stephens (pending City Council approval)  
May 31, 2018

The Governance Committee during their October 18, 2017 meeting recommended that the City Council consider approving the appointment of Dr. Tracy Hurley (City Council District 6) and Elizabeth Stephens (City Council District 10), and the reappointment of Dr. Gogi Dickson (City Council District 9) to the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors.

## **ISSUE:**

This item allows the Governance Committee to forward recommendations to the full City Council for appointment to the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors for City Council Districts 6, 9, and 10. The seats for City Council Districts 6 and 10 are currently vacant. The representative for City Council District 9 is currently in holdover status. The City Council Member for City Council District 6 has recommended appointing Dr. Tracy Hurley who has expressed a willingness to serve on the Board. The City Council Member for City Council District 9 has recommended reappointing Dr. Gogi Dickson who has expressed a willingness to continue to serve on the Board. The City Council Member for City Council District 10 has recommended appointing Elizabeth Stephens who has expressed a willingness to serve on the Board. Staff is supportive of the City Council Members' decision.

The Governance Committee during the October 18, 2017 meeting recommended that the City Council consider

approving the appointment of the following individuals during the November 2, 2017 meeting. A summary of each of these individual's qualifications is as follows:

**District 6 - Dr. Tracy Hurley**

Dr. Hurley has a Ph.D. in Business and a Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Houston. Currently, Dr. Hurley serves as the Dean of the College of Business at Texas A&M University - San Antonio. Dr. Hurley has over 20 years of experience in public higher education. Dr. Hurley previously served on the SA 2020 Education Task Force as a representative of Texas A&M University - San Antonio.

**District 9 - Dr. Gogi Dickson**

Dr. Dickson has a Ph. D. in Educational Leadership and Administration from Texas A&M University. Dr. Dickson has over 30 years as an educator for elementary, secondary, and higher education. Dr. Dickson has served on the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors since September 2015.

**District 10 - Elizabeth Stephens**

Elizabeth has a Bachelor of Science in Human and Organizational Development with a concentration in Leadership Development from Vanderbilt University. She is the Founder of Gus Owen Stephens Memorial Foundation, a non-profit organization that creates fundraising opportunities for nursing continuing education and mission-based scholarships. Ms. Stephens also is the Owner of The Clarity Collective, which specializes in brand consulting, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Children's Bereavement Center.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

City staff worked with each of the City Council Members to provide them alternative Board appointee options. The recommendations herein are consistent with the City Council Districts' input.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this briefing.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Governance Committee recommends that the City Council approve the recommended appointees for City Council Districts 6, 9, and 10 for the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors.