

Texas Early Learning Council Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2023 from 11:00am – 1:00pm

Teleconference via Zoom

Attendance

- Katherine Abba, Ph.D. (Faculty, Child Development Program for Houston Community College)
- Sarah Abrahams (Deputy Chief Officer of Prevention and Early Intervention for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services)
- Weldon Beard (Director of Head Start and Early Head Start for the Greater East Texas Community Action Program)
- Terri Breeden (Section 619 Lead Coordinator for the Texas Education Agency)
- April Crawford (Co-Director of the Children's Learning Institute, UT Health Science Center at Houston)
- Rachelle Daniel (Director of Daycare Regional Operations for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission)
- Alferma Giles (Director of the Texas Head Start State Collaboration Office at the Children's Learning Institute, UT Health Science Center at Houston)
- Becky Huss-Keeler (Professor of Early Childhood Education at the University of Houston-Clear Lake)
- Tori Lee (Director of Early Childhood for Texas Education Agency)
- Reagan Miller (Director of the Child Care and Early Learning Division at the Texas Workforce Commission)
- Marisela Nava (Director of Texas Southmost College Early Childhood Center)
- Amber Scanlan (Senior Vice President and Director of Client and Community Relations for PNC)
- Kierstan Schwab (Executive Director of the Texas Public Broadcasting Association)
- Audrey Young (Child and Adolescent Health Branch Manager for the Texas Department of State Health Services)

1. Call to Order

Reagan Miller called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.

2. April 2023 Minutes Approval

Weldon Beard moved to approve the January 2023 meeting minutes and Terri Breeden seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken, and minutes were approved. A quorum was met during roll call.

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Needs Assessment Findings Presentation 1: Early Childhood Workforce

Dr. Dorothy Mandell (University of Texas) provided a presentation on the initial findings from the Preschool Development Grant Birth needs assessment early childhood workforce. These findings will inform the updated strategic plan.

5. Updates from TELC Members

Terri Breeden (Texas Education Agency) shared an update on the collaborative efforts of Prosper ISD and Region 10 Education Service Center to strengthen and expand inclusive prekindergarten classrooms in the district, including a [video series](#) about the effort.

6. Upcoming Early Childhood Events

Alferma Giles:

- Region 6 Head Start Association, July 17-21 (New Orleans)

Kim Kofron:

- National Shared Services Conference, October 2-4 (Phoenix)

Audrey Young:

- Help Me Grow National Forum, October 11-13 in person, October 17 virtually

Sarah Abrahams:

- Partners in Prevention Conference, November 14-16, Austin

Meghan Young: Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) partnered with Child Protective Services (CPS) to hold a joint training with ECI and CPS staff. The next ECI Advisory Committee Meeting is July 12.

7. Adjourn

Reagan Miller adjourned the meeting at 1:02 PM.