

# *Texas Early Learning Council Meeting Minutes*

July 8, 2019 from 1:00pm – 5:30pm

July 9, 2019 from 8:30am – 1:00pm

Lady Bird Lake Ballroom  
Wyndham Garden Hotel  
3401 S I-35, Austin, TX 78741

**July 8, 2019**

**1:00pm**

**1. Call to Order**

Jacque Porter called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Quorum present.  
Terrie Breeden, Sam Eng, Dr. Alferma Giles, and June Yeatman not present.

**2. Welcome Remarks**

**3. Approval of February Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes by Kierstan Schwab, seconded by Weldon Beard. Affirmative vote.

**4. Introductions**

Council members, visitors, agency staff, and vendors introduced themselves.

**5. Public Comment**

Judy Willgren, Texas Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion Workgroup, requested that the workgroup be moved under the oversight of the Council.

**6. Preschool Development Grant Review**

Cody Summerville provided an update on the Preschool Development Grant Birth-Five.

**7. Statewide Birth-Five Needs Assessment Presentation**

Ken Branscome and Shafali Pai-Samant from ICF International, LLC presented the initial findings from the Statewide Birth-Five Needs Assessment. The Council provided feedback on the draft report.

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**8. Unpacking the Needs Assessment**

The Council broke into small groups to discuss lingering questions and recommendations for improving the Statewide Birth-Five Needs Assessment.

**9. Closing Reflections**

Motion to recess by Melissa Horton, seconded by Travis Armstrong. Affirmative vote.

**July 9, 2019**  
**8:30am**

**1. Call to Order**

Jacquie Porter called the Council out of recess and reconvened the meeting at 8:32am.

**2. Strategic Plan Discussion**

Kathy Gillaspay, Sarah Geldart, and Dina Shehata from AnLar, LLC facilitated strategic planning activities for the Council.

**3. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Kierstan Schwab, seconded by Stephanie Rubin (second). Affirmative vote.