

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013
11:30 AM

PLAZA ROOM B, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING

Members Present:	Councilmember Ivy Taylor, <i>District 2</i> Councilmember Rey A. Saldaña, Chair, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, <i>District 5</i>
Members Absent:	Councilmember Cris Medina, <i>District 7</i> Councilmember Joe Krier, <i>District 9</i>
Staff Present:	Jed Maebius, <i>Mayor's Office</i> ; Melody Woosley, <i>Director, DHS</i> ; Mikel Brightman, <i>Human Services</i> ; Richard Keith, <i>Interim Director, DHS</i> ; Shreya Shah, <i>Assistant City Attorney</i> ; Edward Gonzales, <i>Assistant Director, DHS</i> ; Gloria Hurtado, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Ryan J. Cook, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Also Present:	Nancy Hard, <i>Family Services</i> ; Eyra Perez, <i>SA Education Partnership</i> ; Molly Cox, <i>SA2020</i> ; Darryl Byrd, <i>SA2020</i> ; Matthew Randazzo, <i>Choose to Succeed</i>

1. Citizens To Be Heard

No citizens were present to speak.

The Committee addressed Item 3 at this time.

3. Briefing on SA2020 Community Education Indicators [Darryl Byrd, President and CEO, SA2020]

Councilmember Gonzales entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Darryl Byrd provided a briefing and update on the SA2020 Community Education Indicators to include the following:

- Lead Partner Overview
- Education Lead Partner P16 Plus
- Goals
- Action Networks Overview
- Education Action Networks
- Education Vision and Indicators
- Kindergarten Readiness
- 3rd Grade Reading
- High School Graduation Rates
- College Readiness
- College Enrollment
- Adult Educational Attainment

Councilmember Gonzales asked how the City was able to compensate for the Adult Education Programs when funding was cut. Ms. Hurtado replied that the City provided and managed the facility and the education was provided by the Educational Agency. She added that effective January 1, 2014, Adult Education would still occur at seven City Facilities. She noted that a change was made in the funding process at the State Level. She added that the Texas Workforce Connection would be funded directly instead of the Texas Education Agency and would be issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP). Councilmember Gonzales asked how to reach and engage older constituents for the Ambassador Programs. Ms. Molly Cox replied that the program targets specific age groups and that SA2020 is non-age discriminate.

Councilmember Taylor requested additional information about Destination College. She recommended that SA2020 reach out to the Panhellenic Council. She also inquired about the Education Lead Partner P16Plus. Ms. Cox replied that P16Plus is a data collector and convener that collects information about students and programs. Discussion ensued regarding P16Plus.

Ms. Hurtado stated that citizens interested in volunteer opportunities could access SA2020.org and select from various menu items. She added that data is collected after registration. Discussion ensued regarding SA2020.org and the collection of data.

Chairman Saldaña requested the definition of a Lead Partner and inquired about their role. Ms. Cox replied that Lead Partners are conveners, evaluators, and compile asset maps. She stated that SA2020 would be moving from problem identification to problem solution. She added that Action Networks would be developing strategies for SA2020 to communicate to the public. Discussion ensued regarding SA2020.

No action was required for Item 3.

2. Approval of minutes of the November 19, 2013 Educational Excellence Committee Meeting

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2013 Educational Excellence Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Briefing on Choose to Succeed nonprofit organization [Matthew Randazzo, President and CEO, Choose to Succeed]

Chairman Saldaña noted that Item 4 would be addressed at the next Educational Excellence Council Committee meeting in January 2014.

5. Briefing and possible action on San Antonio Education Partnership programs [Eyra Perez, Executive Director, San Antonio Education Partnership]

Ms. Eyra Perez providing a briefing on the San Antonio Education Partnership (SAEP) Program to include the following:

- Goal
- Organization Overview

- Programmatic Components
- Alignment with SA2020
- Programmatic Services
- Focus of Services
- Accomplishments: Road to Success 2012-2013
- Accomplishments: Road to Success Outcomes
- Accomplishments: Scholarship Program 2012-2013
- Accomplishments: Scholarship Program Outcomes
- Accomplishments: Caf college 2012-2013
- Accomplishments: Caf college Outcomes
- Accomplishments: SAEP Outcomes
- Accomplishments: SAEP

Councilmember Gonzales inquired about community outreach. Ms. Perez stated that Caf college attracts a tremendous crowd and also reaches out to Elementary and Middle Schools. She noted that Road to Success Program Staff is available in High Schools four days a week. Councilmember Gonzales asked of the number of SAEP staff. Ms. Perez stated that there were 13 SAEP staff. Discussion ensued regarding SAEP and High School involvement.

Councilmember Taylor asked of High School Counselors. Ms. Perez replied that the Counselors are required to observe three State Mandated Calendars for State Mandated Testing. She noted that House Bill 5 will redesign the High Schools and that Counselors are creating College Prep Courses to be taught in High Schools. Discussion ensued regarding testing and High School Counselors.

Councilmember Taylor asked how a community network could be mobilized. Ms. Perez stated that SAEP that does not have an Outreach Person on staff, but are utilizing existing organizations, councils and networks. She added that SAEP is reaching out to various Sororities, Fraternities and Alumni Groups for scholarships.

Chairman Salda a inquired about money for scholarships and students who live outside the State and/or the City. Ms. Perez stated that over the last three years, 17% of students that qualified for a scholarship are leaving the City. She added that the number of part-time students almost exceeds the number of full-time students, and that only full time students are funded. She added that SAEP is working with Alamo Colleges to create an Early Response System to flag individuals who are full time students and become part time students.

Chairman Salda a asked of the 17% of students leaving the City and how to reach them. Ms. Hurtado stated that would need to be addressed with a policy change. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Taylor exited the meeting at this time.

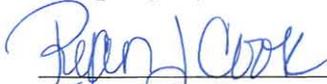
6. Briefing and possible action on the Head Start Program related to: Governing Body and Policy Council Roles and Responsibilities Framework, Community Assessment Update, and Monthly Report. [Melody Woosley, Director, Department of Human Services; Gloria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager]

It was noted that Item 6 would be addressed at the next Educational Excellence Council Committee meeting in January 2014.

7. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ryan J. Cook
Office of the City Clerk



Rey Saldaña, Chairman