

**EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013
10:00 AM
MEDIA BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL**

Members Present: Councilmember Ray Lopez, Chair, *District 6*
Councilmember Ivy R. Taylor, *District 2*
Councilmember Cris Medina, *District 7*

Members Absent: Councilmember Leticia Ozuna, *District 3*
Councilmember Rey Saldaña, *District 4*

Staff Present: Peter Zaroni, *Deputy City Manager*; Melody Woosley, *Interim Director of Department of Human Services*; Mikel Brightman, *Department of Human Services and Head Start*; Richard Keith, *Interim Assistant Director of Department of Human Services*; Kristine Duff, *Assistant City Attorney*; Martha Lambaria, *Office of the City Clerk*

At this time, Peter Zaroni, Deputy City Manager provided an update and highlights on the Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation.

Councilmember C. Medina asked if a consultant had been hired for the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) search and selection. Mr. Zaroni replied that the firm Ligature Partners from the DC Area was hired and had developed a candidate profile for the CEO position. Chairman Lopez asked of the said firm's recruitment process. Mr. Zaroni replied that the firm utilizes a database of Educators from across the country. He added that the position would also be posted on the City's website for processing. Chairman Lopez asked of the general timeline to employ. Mr. Zaroni replied that staff was looking for five finalists and noted that the candidate's start date is contingent on the candidate's current obligations or commitments.

Councilmember Taylor entered the meeting at this time.

1. Citizens To Be Heard

No citizens were present to speak.

2. Approval of minutes of the November 13, 2012 Educational Excellence Committee Meeting

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2012 Educational Excellence Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember C. Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Briefing and possible action on: a) A brief from the Office of Head Start stating that a deficiency previously identified in Standards of Conduct has been determined to be fully corrected; and b) Requests approval of the 2012-2013 Governing Body and Policy Council Roles and Responsibilities Framework and the 2011-2012 Annual Report

Ms. Melody Woosley requested approval of the 2011–2012 Annual Report and 2012–2013 Governing Body and Policy Council Roles and Responsibilities Framework. Ms. Woosley provided a briefing on a notification from the Office of Head Start stating that the deficiency previously identified in standards of conduct had been determined to be fully corrected. In addition, she provided an update on: 1) Monthly Program Report for November 2012 and 2) Training – Annual Self Assessment.

Mr. Zaroni requested an update on the grant application. Ms. Woosley responded that HHS would be contacting agencies that applied to negotiate awards and budgets and make the final announcement in the Spring. Mr. Zaroni reminded the Committee that the City had been the sole grant recipient for over 30 years, but not guaranteed to be the recipient. He also noted that he would keep the Committee apprised of the status.

Chairman Lopez expressed concern relative to school security and asked of any requirements and guidelines. Ms. Woosley replied that guidelines included security and safety, and were consistent with School District Policies.

Chairman Lopez asked of the Police Chief's involvement in San Antonio Schools, following the Connecticut Incident. Mikel Brightman, Head Start Administrator responded that the Police Chief met with School District Police Chiefs following the Connecticut Incident. In addition, Ms. Brightman reported that there had been a heightened level of security awareness and that HHS would provide financial support to Head Start Classes for security.

Chairman Lopez recommended that a conscious discussion ensue from the City's perspective on safety to ensure that students are as safe as possible. He emphasized the importance of having a well-identified level of procedure and security. Councilmembers Medina and Taylor concurred with Chairman Lopez with regard to there being a well-identified level of security.

Chairman Lopez informed the Committee that Dr. John Folks would be speaking of School Finance and the current School Lawsuits at the next Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Meeting scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 in the B Room. Chairman Lopez invited the City Council and staff to attend the IGR Meeting for information and policy for Legislation.

Additionally, Mr. Zaroni suggested bringing items in the Legislative Process that impact Education to the Educational Excellence Committee. Chairman Lopez expanded on the importance of staying up to par with Legislation.

Councilmember C. Medina moved to approve the 2011–2012 Annual Report and 2012–2013 Governing Body and Policy Council Roles and Responsibilities Framework. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Adjournment

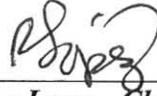
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ray Lopez, Chairman