

# EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014  
12:00 NOON

PLAZA ROOM B, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING

**Members Present:** Councilmember Rey A. Saldaña, Chair, *District 4*  
Councilmember Ivy Taylor, *District 2*  
Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, *District 5*  
Councilmember Cris Medina, *District 7*  
Councilmember Joe Krier, *District 9*

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**Members Absent:** None

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**Staff Present:** Jed Maebius, *Mayor's Office*; Melody Woosley, *Director, DHS*;  
Mikel Brightman, *DHS*; Richard Keith, *Interim Assistant Director, DHS*;  
Shreya Shah, *Assistant City Attorney*; Edward Gonzales, *Assistant Director, DHS*;  
Gloria Hurtado, *Assistant City Manager*; Lisa Biediger, *Assistant City Attorney*;  
Ryan J. Cook, *Office of the City Clerk*

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**Also Present:** Matthew Randazzo, *Choose to Succeed*; Lauren Geraghty *Choose to Succeed*

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## 1. Citizens To Be Heard

No citizens were present to speak.

## 2. Approval of minutes of the December 17, 2013 Educational Excellence Committee Meeting

Councilmember Krier moved to approve the Minutes of the December 17, 2013 Educational Excellence Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Councilmember Taylor entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Matthew Randazzo provided a briefing and update on the Choose to Succeed Nonprofit Organization to include the following:

- Exceptional, Tuition-Free, Public Education Options
- Current Landscape Demonstrates Need for Change
- Current Seat Quality in the San Antonio area is low
- Unacceptably Low College Graduation Rates
- San Antonio's Population is Growing
- The Time is Right for Reform in San Antonio
- 2040 Choose to Succeed Doubles Graduation Rates

- Pursue a Five-Part Approach
- 2040 Impact
- Charter School Partners
- Mobilize a Five Year Fund
- Demands of 2040

Councilmember Gonzales asked of the anticipated turnaround time for results for Choose to Succeed's Charter Schools. Mr. Randazzo replied that he was unable to give a definite answer, but part of the answer is a Proof Point Strategy, Pressure Point Strategy, Quality Scale, and to Build an Ecosystem of Reform.

Councilman Medina asked of waiting lists for the Charter Schools. Mr. Randazzo replied that Texas allows for sibling preference for families that have multiple children. He added that the families are counseled on additional opportunities that may be available to them. Councilmember Medina mentioned that the Lieutenant Governor had stated that Teachers received Fair Pay and asked Mr. Randazzo of the salary of Charter School Teachers. Mr. Randazzo replied that the pay was on level with Public School Teachers.

Councilmember Taylor asked how the Educational Excellence Council Committee would be able to help with potential Real Estate for more Charter Schools. Mr. Randazzo replied that he would appreciate the opportunity to work with the individual Committee Members or a representative of the Committee. He noted that a comprehensive assessment had been completed.

Discussion ensued regarding San Antonio and the Charter Schools.

Councilmember Krier exited the meeting at this time.

No action was required for Item 3.

The Committee address Item 5 at this time.

**5. Briefing and possible action on the Head Start program related to: 2013 Community Assessment Update, 2012-2013 Annual Report, 2013-2014 Governing Body and Policy Council Roles and Responsibilities, November Program Update, Self-Assessment Process, and Governance Responsibilities [Melody Woosley, Director, Department of Human Services; Gloria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager]**

Ms. Melody Woosley provided a briefing and update on the following to include the following:

- Purpose
- Community Assessment
- Annual Report
- Roles and Responsibilities Framework
- Governance
- Self-Assessment
- Monthly Program Report (November)
- Recommendations

Ms. Woosley reported that the staff seeks recommendation of approval for the 2013 Community Assessment Update, 2013 Annual Report, and the 2013-2014 Governing Body and Policy Council Roles and Responsibilities Framework.

Ms. Gloria Hurtado stated the Federal Government will be conducting an audit of the Head Start Program in the Spring.

Councilmember Taylor moved to approve the 2013 Community Assessment Update, 2013 Annual Report, and the 2013-2014 Governing Body and Policy Council Roles and Responsibilities Framework. Councilmember Medina seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

**4. Briefing on FY 2015-2016 Consolidated Funding Process for Human Workforce Development** [Melody Woosley, Director, Department of Human Services; Gloria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager]

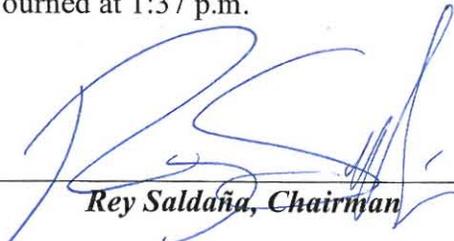
Chairman Saldaña noted that Item 4 would not be addressed at this time. He noted that staff would meet with each Council Committee Member to discuss the Consolidated Funding Process for Human Workforce Development.

**6. Adjournment**

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

*Respectfully Submitted,*

  
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*Ryan J. Cook*  
*Office of the City Clerk*

  
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*Rey Saldaña, Chairman*