Present: Ms. Massey, Ms. Kinnear, Ms. Brown (joined late), Dr. Prochaska, Dr. Brown, Ms. Doherty, Mr. Parker, Ms. Mille, Mr. Peavy (YPTC)

Absent: Ms. Adams

Ms. Massey called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

A quorum was present. No members of the public were present.

Changes to the March meeting minutes include Ms. Massey not being present and Ms. Miller reporting on updates for development. Motion by Ms. Kinnear, seconded by Ms. Brown to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Mr. Peavy discussed the finance report for the month of March 2021 and addressed concerns and questions raised by the Board.

Board Governance: Dr. Prochaska, Ms. Massey, and Ms. Miller briefly summarized the Board's proposed strategic plan for the coming year. Motion by Ms. Kinnear, seconded by Ms. Doherty, to approve and adopt the strategic plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Prochaska presented the conflict of interest form that all Board members must complete. Motion by Ms. Doherty, seconded by Ms. Kinnear, to approve the conflict of interests form for completion by Board members. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board engaged in discussion around succession planning as well as Board composition. The Board agreed that the size of the Board may change as succession planning occurs to ensure onboarding of new members adequately precedes the exit of a Board member whose term is expiring. Expertise sought for the Board includes ensuring parents are represented, members reflective of our community’s diversity, expertise in finance and legal areas would also be beneficial.

Development: Ms. Massey informed the Board of the numerous grants we have under development and for submission. Ms. Massey also introduced the idea of forming a “Friends of MECC” program to garner local support and foster the growth of champions for the Center. The development committee will explore this idea further and report back to the Board.
Dr. Brown updated the Board on a number of bills currently introduced and under consideration at the current Texas legislative session. She will also be introducing the idea of the “Friends of MECC” program to the Advisory Board at their next meeting.

Ms. Miller reviewed the Head Start contract currently being considered by the Board and addressed any questions they had.

[Betty to insert notes here, as I had to leave early]

Meeting Adjourned at

Respectfully submitted by Dr. John Prochaska, MECC Board Secretary.