



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, August 19, 2014  
**Prepared By/Phone Number:** Deece Eckstein, 854-9754  
**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Deece Eckstein, 854-9754  
**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Judge Biscoe

### **AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO REAPPOINT RICHARD HOPKINS TO THE AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY INTEGRAL CARE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

**SUMMARY AND IGR COORDINATOR RECOMMENDATION:** The term of one of the three Travis County appointees to the Austin Travis County Integral Care Board of Trustees expires on September 30, 2014. The appointee is eligible for reappointment under the Court's appointments process. IGR recommends that the Court reappoint him for a term to expire on September 30, 2016.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:** That the Court reappoint Richard Hopkins to the Board of Trustees of Austin Travis County Integral Care for a term to expire on September 30, 2016.

**BACKGROUND:** Founded in 1967, Austin Travis County Integral Care provides community-based behavioral health and developmental disabilities services in Travis County, administering an annual budget of \$57 million of local, state and federal funding. In fiscal year 2013, Integral Care is projected to serve more than 30,000 individuals and families through the numerous services and programs it offers year-round.

Integral Care was known as the Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center until September 2009, when its name was changed to reflect evolving attitudes and terminology and to honor the dignity of people who seek its services.

The Travis County Commissioners Court makes three appointments to the nine-member ATCIC Board. Terms are for two years, and there is no limitation on the number of terms a member can serve. The terms of one of them, Richard Hopkins, expires at the end of September.

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:** Integral Care is one of six boards and commissions subject to the Court's Uniform Appointment Process.<sup>1</sup> Richard Hopkins has served on the Board for more than six years, but was reappointed after a Call for Applicants on September 11, 2012. He has now served less than six years within this new appointment cycle, which means his reappointment is governed by Subsection (B) of that section:

Before expiration of a term, or upon a vacancy arising for an organization subject to this UAP, the County Judge shall ... in the case of an existing organization member, that by the end of their term will not have served six years, instruct the Coordinator for Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) to determine if the member desires to continue for an additional term, and contact the organization to determine if the member has a good attendance of meetings and is a good contributor to the organization. Should the Coordinator for IGR submit an acceptable report to the County Judge, the County Judge shall schedule for Commissioners Court the consideration of the re-appointment.

Pursuant to that section, IGR contacted Richard Hopkins, who confirmed his interest in continuing to serve on the ATCIC Board. He has submitted a letter to Judge Biscoe to that effect. IGR also received documentation from ATCIC regarding the attendance record of the appointee. Those documents are attached.

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:** N/A.

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:** None.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 1.017, Travis County Code.

**NAMES, PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES OF PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY OR BE INVOLVED WITH THIS REQUEST:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Letter from Richard Hopkins, re interest in reappointment to the Austin Travis County Integral Care Board of Trustees, July 23, 2014.
- 2) Richard Hopkins current resume, August 13, 2014.
- 3) ATCIC, Spreadsheet of board attendance of Travis County appointee Richard Hopkins, August 5, 2014.

9306 Mystic Oaks Trail  
Austin, TX 78750

July 23, 2014

The Honorable Sam Biscoe  
County Judge  
Travis County Commissioners Court  
314 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, #510  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Judge Biscoe:

It has been my pleasure to serve as your appointee on the Austin Travis County Integral Care Board of Trustees for the two-year term of office that ends on September 30, 2014. ATCIC is challenged to meet the needs of the citizens of Travis County within its budget during these economic times, and I would like to continue my service as a Board Member to help identify viable solutions to these challenges.

Serving on this Board has been a very rewarding experience for me; and with your endorsement and the approval of the Commissioners Court, I would like to continue to serve on the Board to represent the interests of the citizens of Travis County, specifically Precinct 1. I am looking forward to reporting to you on the progress ATCIC has made in meeting the current and future challenges it faces.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Hopkins  
Vice Chairman  
ATCIC Board of Trustees

xc Matt Snapp, Chairman  
David Evans, Chief Executive Officer

## VITA

### Name:

**Richard Earl Hopkins**

### Education:

✦ **B.S. Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS 1976**

Major: Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling

Minor: Psychology

✦ **M.Ed. Jackson State University, Jackson, MS 1978**

Major: Educational Psychology Concentration in Vocational and Rehabilitation Counseling

### Affiliations:

- ✦ American Counseling Association
- ✦ American Mental Health Counselors Association
- ✦ American Psychological Association
- ✦ Texas Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association
- ✦ National Rehabilitation Counselors Association
- ✦ National Mobility Equipment Dealer Association
- ✦ National Rehabilitation Counselors Association
- ✦ The Texas Rehab Action Network

### Vocational Experience:

- ✦ Director of Programs -Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)
- ✦ Regional Program Specialist- Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
- ✦ Assistive Technology Consultant -Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
- ✦ Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor – Texas Rehabilitation Commission
- ✦ Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor – Mississippi Rehabilitation Division
- ✦ Disability Examiner – Texas Rehabilitation Commission/Social Security Administration
- ✦ Vocational Evaluator – Royal Maid Work Shop for the Visual Impaired, Brookhaven, MS
- ✦ College Recruiter – Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS

### Honors, Awards

- ✦ Employee of the Year Texas Rehabilitation Commission - 1998
- ✦ Richard E. Hopkins Torch Award- 2005
- ✦ Outstanding Missionary/Volunteer of the Year Honduras - 2007

### Summary of Work Experience

**Director of Programs** - Managed, coordinated and evaluated the systems, processes and personnel responsible for the provision of rehabilitation services. Responsible for a wide

variety of technical, fiscal and administrative activities to ensure the efficient and cost effective operation of the assigned programs. Managed 25 Program Specialist and 7 Administrative Assistants.

**Program Specialist VII** - Responsibilities performing complex professional work in program consultation and monitoring; in guidance and counseling; consumer and staff training; and specialized job placement for the vocational rehabilitation of individuals with physical or mental disabilities, blindness or visual impairments. Assigned responsibilities also include evaluating providing assistive technology services.

**Assistive Technology Consultant** - Managed the Rehab Technology Resource Center a demonstration center for consumers and the general public. Primary function entails providing direct and consultative services in the area of assistive technology, evaluates, and recommends assistive software and hardware purchases, keeps abreast of current trends in assistive technology and trains staff and consumers, the general public in the use of assistive technology devices, on-line resources, and adaptive strategies. Served as a liaison with the Department of Assistive Technology, local school systems, technology vendors, and other referring agencies.

**Senior Rehabilitation Counselor** - Perform all phases of counseling and coordination of multiple services for rehabilitation of severely physically and emotionally disabled individuals. Services included but not limited to job development, job restructuring, job placement, and provision of assistive technology. Provide vocational, career, personal growth counseling. Consultant to community rehabilitation facilities, business and industry.

**Disability Examiner V** - Responsible for a variety of professional assignments to ensure that all medical and personal information meet program evidentiary standards for the evaluation and determination of eligibility for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Disability Retirement, State Disability Assistance (SDA), and/or related work exemption or deferral program based on medically determinable impairment. Gathering of extensive medical and personal histories and the application of laws, rules, regulations, and policy directives in the determination process.

**Vocational Evaluator III** - Primary responsibilities in this position included: administering, scoring, and interpreting an extensive variety of vocational interests, achievements, and psychological tests; analyzing consumers' medical, psychological, socio-economic, vocational and educational information; developing a formal evaluation plan for each consumer; making referrals for evaluation services to the consumer and the rehabilitation counselor(s); creating written reports which were used for other agencies in determining disability benefits.

**College Recruiter** - Promoted the college by participating in community, state, and national events or meetings, and by developing partnerships with industry and secondary education institutions. Participated in student recruitment, selection, and admission, making admissions recommendations when required to do so. Planned and promoted special events and social, cultural, and recreational activities

ATTENDANCE RECORD IS TO REFLECT ALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR ON A CONTINUING CHART - DO NOT USE SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH MEETING  
 NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE: AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY INTEGRAL CARE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
 ATTENDANCE RECORDS FOR 2014 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS.

Name	Jan	Jan	Feb	Feb	Mar	Mar	Apr	Apr	May	May	June	June	July	July	Aug	Aug	Sep	Sep	Oct	Oct	Nov	Nov	Dec	Dec
	1/30		2/27		3/27		4/24		5/29		6/26		7/31		8/28		9/25		10/30				12/11	
Terri Broussard Williams (City)		Appointed 3/27					*		√		√		*											
Robert T. Chapa Jr. (City)	√		*		√		√		√		√		√											
Brenda Coleman-Beattie (Central Health)	√		√		√		√		√	Resigned														
Exalton A. Delco (City)	√		*		*		√		√		√		√											
Richard E. Hopkins (County)	√		√		√		*		*		√		√											
Hal Katz (Cental Health)	*		*		*		√		√		√		√											
Martha Martinez (City)	*		√		√	Resigned																		
Matthew Snapp (County)	√		√		√		√		√		√		*											
Vincent Torres (County)	*		√		√		√		*		*		√											
Tom Young (Central Health)	√		√		√		√		*		√		√											
Guadalupe Zamora (Central Health)									Appointed 7/2				√											

No Meeting

Fill in dates of all regular meetings. List of all members, and for each mark **X** when **absent**: √ when **present**: and \* if **excused absence**  
 Send to City Clerk's Office after each regularly scheduled meeting.