

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
Minutes – Unofficial

The February 21, 2018 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:14 P.M.

Members present were: Captain Stacey Barrett, Ms. Contessia Brooks, Ms. Melanie Bronfin, Ms. Renee Broussard, Dr. Jeanne Burns, Lt. Lorre Claiborne, Ms. Dionne Frost, Dr. Toni Ledet, Ms. Leslie Lewis, Senator Beth Mizell, Dr. Tamanika Odinga, Ms. Paula Polito, Ms. Abigail Iron Rope, Mr. John Warner Smith, Ms. Patricia Triche, Dr. Roberta Vicari, Mr. Alan Young and Mr. Kahree Wahid. Ms. Melissa Drescher served as a proxy for Ms. Carolyn Bombet. Senator Regina Barrow, Ms. Maria Blanco, Ms. Ashley Byrd, Ms. Tasha Dennis, Ms. Carole Elliot, Mr. James Evans, Representative Frank Hoffman, Ms. Linda Lambert, Dr. Anthony Recasner, Representative Patricia Smith, Ms. Kellie Taylor-White were absent.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education was Jenna Conway.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ms. Paula Polito.

Public comment was received by Cindy Bishop and Paula Granger.

Mr. Young made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2017 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Vicari, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the October 4, 2017 meeting of the Council.

John Warner Smith nominated Paula Polito as Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

- 2 On motion of Mr. Smith, and seconded by Dr. Burns, the Council approved Ms. Paula Polito as Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

Paula Polito nominated James Evans as Vice Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

On motion of Mr. Polito, and seconded by Mr. Smith, the Council approved Mr. James Evans as Vice Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

Jenna Conway provided an update on Louisiana's emergency preparedness for early learning centers.

- 3 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Vicari the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the update on Louisiana's emergency preparedness for early learning centers.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report- Quarter 4.

- 4 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Odinga the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report- Quarter 4.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Annual Report 2017.

- 5 On motion of Ms. Bronfin, and seconded by Dr. Odinga the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Annual Report 2017.

Alan Young made a motion to amend the agenda to include a request for the Louisiana Department of Public Safety to release a Request for Proposals to seek a vendor to meet the fingerprint requirements associated with Child Care Criminal Background Checks.

There was no opposition to the agenda item.

- 6 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Smith the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the request for the Louisiana Department of Public Safety to release a Request for Proposals to seek a vendor to meet the fingerprint requirements associated with Child Care Criminal Background Checks.

- 7 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Smith, and with no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the February 21, 2018 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 3:02 P.M.