

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
Early Childhood Care and Education Commission (ECCEC)

Monday, October 26, 2020

Minutes – Unofficial

The October 26, 2020 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission was called to order at 11:26 A.M.

Members present were: Maria Blanco, Ileana Ledet, Alan Young, Libbie Sonnier, Ph.D., Monique Scott-Spaulding, Monique Rouege, Liz Smith, Melissa Goudeau, Cindy Rushing, Keith Perrin, M.D., Sherry Guarisco, Lindsey Fisher, Gina Easterly, Ph.D., Brenda Sharp, Jenna Chiasson, Ph.D., Kahree Wahid, Brittany Braun, Susannah Craig, Ph.D., Mary Mills, and Christina Melton.

Bernadette Williams served as a proxy for Toni Buxton. Richard Hartley served as a proxy for First Lady Donna Edwards. Allison Tregg served as a proxy for Charles H. Zeanah, M.D.

Judy Thompson, Susan Spring, Ph.D., Michael Tipton, Anthony C. “Buddy” Leach, Melissa Stilley, Representative Gary Carter, Scott Richard, Senator Regina Barrow, Senator Beth Mizell, Paula Polito, Dionne Frost, Stacey Neal, Cynthia DiCarlo, Ph.D., Linda Flynn, Ph.D., and Tony Davis were absent.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education was Jenna Chiasson.

The meeting was called to order by Rep. Stephanie Hilferty at 11:19 p.m.

Rep. Hilferty requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2020 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission (ECCEC).

- 1 On motion of Dr. Sonnier, and seconded by Ms. Blanco, the ECCEC approved the minutes of the January 30, 2020 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission (ECCEC).

Dr. Jenna Chiasson provided an update on the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission membership.

- 2 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Rushing, the ECCEC received the update on the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission membership.

Dr. Jenna Chiasson provided an update on the current landscape of early childhood care and education in Louisiana.

3 On motion of Dr. Keith Perrin, and seconded by Dr. Easterly, the ECCEC received the update on the current landscape of early childhood care and education in Louisiana.

Dr. Sonnier provided an update regarding the impact of COVID-19 on Louisiana's Child Care Providers.

4 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Perrin, the ECCEC received the update regarding the impact of COVID-19 on Louisiana's Child Care Providers.

Dr. Chiasson provided an update regarding the legislative charge for Year 3 of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission.

5 On motion of Rep. Hilferty, and seconded by Ms. Guarisco, the ECCEC received the update regarding the legislative charge for Year 3 of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission.

Dr. Chiasson provided an update regarding the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission Task Force.

6 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Perrin, the ECCEC approved the slate for the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission Task Force.

7 With no further business to come before the ECCEC, the October 26, 2020 meeting of the ECCEC was adjourned at 12:51 P.M.