

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Minutes – Unofficial

The July 22, 2020 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:08 p.m. Members present were: Nicole Angelle, Maria Blanco, Ashley Byrd, Carole Elliot, James Evans, Dionne Frost, Dr. Michelle Joubert, LaTrese LeCour, Dr. Toni Ledet, Dr. Ashley Lucas, Nina McCarstle, Sen. Beth Mizell, Dr. Tamanika Odinga, Paula Polito, John Warner Smith, Dr. Libbie Sonnier, Patricia Triche, Rep. Chris Turner, Kahree Wahid, Kelly Taylor-White, and Alan Young. Melissa Anders served as a proxy for Dr. Susannah Craig, Kenneth Francis served as proxy for Dr. Anthony Recasner, and Lt. Sandifer served as proxy for Capt. Mark Richards. Carolyn Bombet, Lt. Lorre Claiborne, Tasha Dennis, Abigail Iron Rope, and Linda Lambert were absent

Public Comments were received from Melanie Bronfin, Trista Gambill, Terricka Fields, and Christy Gilmore.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Valerie Black, Lisa Brochard, Dr. Jenna Chiasson, and Taylor Dunn.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ms. Paula Polito at 1:08 p.m.

Ms. Polito requested a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2020 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council meeting. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Dr. Odinga, and seconded by Ms. Blanco, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the June 4, 2020 meeting of the Council.

Ms. Polito recommended the appointment of the following members to the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council: Representative Chris Turner, Nicole Angelle, and Dr. Ashley Lucas.

- 2 On motion of Dr. Sonnier, and seconded by Ms. Blanco, the Council approved the addition of the following members to the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council:
 - Representative Polly Thomas, who replaces Representative Patricia Smith as the designee from the House Committee on Education;
 - Nora McCarstle, who replaces Leslie Lewis as the Director of Maternal and Child Health Program at the Department of Health and Hospitals; and

- Captain Mark Richards, who replaces Captain Chris Eskew as the representative from the Louisiana State Police Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information.

Robyn Stiles of Emergent Method and Valerie Black and Lisa Brochard of the LDOE provided an update on the 2020 Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey.

- 3 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Sonnier, the Council received an update on the 2020 Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey.

Lisa Brochard, Dr. Jenna Chiasson, and Taylor Dunn provided an update on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report – Quarter 2.

On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Odinga, the Council received an update on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report – Quarter 2.

- 4 With no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the July 22, 2020 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.