

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

Friday, February 14, 2020

Minutes – Unofficial

The February 14, 2020 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:10 p.m. Members present were: Dr. Susannah Craig, Mr. James Evans, Ms. Linda Lambert, Dr. Toni Ledet, Dr. Tamanika Odinga, Ms. Paula Polito, Mr. John Warner Smith, Dr. Libbie Sonnier-Netto, Ms. Kellie Taylor-White, Ms. Patricia Triche, and Mr. Alan Young. Mr. Kenny Francis served as a proxy for Dr. Anthony Recasner, Ms. Melissa Drescher served as a proxy for Ms. Carolyn Bombet, and Ms. Tawnya Moore served as a proxy for Ms. LaTrese LeCour. Ms. Maria Blanco, Sen. Regina Barrow, Ms. Ashley Byrd, Lt. Lorre Claiborne, Ms. Tasha Dennis, Ms. Carole Elliot, Captain Chris Eskew, Ms. Dionne Frost, Rep. Frank Hoffman, Ms. Abigail Iron Rope, Dr. Michelle Joubert, Ms. Leslie Lewis, Sen. Beth Mizell, Rep. Patricia Smith, and Dr. Roberta Vicari were absent.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Jessica Baghian, Daisy Grotsma, Nasha Patel, and Candace Weber.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ms. Paula Polito at 1:10 p.m.

Dr. Odinga made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2019 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council meeting. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Dr. Odinga, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting of the Council.

Libbie Sonnier-Netto nominated Paula Polito as Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

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

John Warner Smith nominated James Evans as Vice Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

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

Daisy Grotsma provided an update on Louisiana’s Early Learning Center Emergency Plan.

Daisy Grotsma provided an annual update to the Child Care Assistance Program Sliding Fee Scale.

Candace Weber provided a presentation of the 2020 Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey.

Jessica Baghiann and Nasha Patel provided a presentation on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report - Quarter 4.

4 On motion of Mr. Young, 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.

Jessica Baghiann and Nasha Patel provided a presentation on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council 2019 Annual Report.

5 On motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Taylor-White, and with no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the February 14, 2020 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.