

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

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Minutes

The February 23, 2022, meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:22 p.m. Members present were: Maria Blanco, Dr. Libbie Sonnier, Janine Borne, Falcia Coleman, Jennifer Roberts, Shenoa Webb, Alan Young, Paula Polito, Melissa Drescher, Senator Beth Mizell, Dr. Toni Ledet, and Kahree Wahid.

Dr. Michelle Joubert, Dr. Tamanika Odinga, Chriscella Metyor, Carole Elliot, Dr. Ashley Lucas, Joy Mitchell, Kelli Taylor-White, Capt. Aaron Marcelle, Nicole Angelle, Rep. Chris Turner, LaTrese LeCour, Lt. Lorre Claiborne, and Nora McCarstle were absent.

Melissa Anders served as a proxy for Dr. Susannah Craig, Edy Addison served as a proxy for Emily Hunyadi, Cindy Bishop served as a proxy for Lesley Corban, and David Thibideaux served as a proxy for Linda Lambert.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) were Lisa Brochard and Karen Powell.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Polito at 1:22 p.m.

Ms. Polito requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2021, Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council meeting. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Blanco, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the November 17, 2021, meeting of the Council.

Ms. Polito requested a motion to approve the following changes in membership to the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

- Chriscella Metyor, who replaces James Evans as a representative of a Head Start program operated by a nonlocal education agency; and
- Janine Borne, who replaces Mathilde Mulkin as a representative of a type I early learning center.

- 2 On motion of Sen. Mizell, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the changes in membership to the Council.

Lisa Brochard and Karen Powell of the LDOE provided an update on early childhood care and education in Louisiana.

- 3 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Sen. Mizell, the Council received the update on early childhood care and education in Louisiana.

Lisa Brochard of the LDOE provided a presentation of Louisiana's Child Care and Development Fund State Plan Amendment.

- 4 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Wahid, the Council received the presentation of Louisiana's Child Care and Development Fund State Plan Amendment.

Lisa Brochard and Karen Powell of the LDOE provided a presentation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report - Quarter 4.

- 5 On motion of Ms. Blanco, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Council received the presentation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report - Quarter 4.

- 6 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Sen. Mizell, and with no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the February 23, 2022 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.