

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

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Unofficial Minutes

The March 23, 2022, meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:15 p.m. Members present were: Maria Blanco, Dr. Michelle Joubert, Janine Borne, Falcia Coleman, Edy Addison, Rabbi Yossi Chesney, Shenoa Webb, Paula Polito, Joy Mitchell, Melissa Drescher, and Nora McCarstle.

Dr. Tamanika Odinga, Chriscella Metyor, Dr. Ashley Lucas, Kelli Taylor-White, Capt. Aaron Marcelle, Nicole Angelle, Rep. Chris Turner, Sen. Beth Mizell, Dr. Toni Ledet, Lt. Lorre Claiborne, and Kahree Wahid were absent.

Candace Weber served as a proxy for Dr. Libbie Sonnier, Dr. Michelle Demeulenaere served as a proxy for Dr. Susannah Craig, Courtney Rogers served as a proxy for Jennifer Roberts, Tara Emery served as a proxy for Alan Young, Caylee Corban served as a proxy for Lesley Corban, Elaine Strauss served as a proxy for Linda Lambert, and Kyra Johnson served as a proxy for LaTrese LeCour.

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

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Polito at 1:15 p.m.

Ms. Polito requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2022, Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council meeting. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Ms. Mitchell, and seconded by Ms. McCarstle, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the February 23, 2022, meeting of the Council.

Maria Blanco nominated Paula Polito as Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

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

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

- 3 On motion of Ms. Polito, and seconded by Ms. Blanco, the Council approved Dr. Libbie Sonnier as Vice Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

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

- Rabbi Yossi Chesney, who replaces Carole Elliot as a Representative of an approved nonpublic school with publicly-funded early childhood care and education programs; and
- Edy Addison, who replaces Emily Hunyadi, as a Parent of a child currently enrolled in a publicly-funded early learning program.

- 4 On motion of Ms. Mitchell, and seconded by Ms. Borne, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the changes in membership to the Council.

Lisa Brochard of the LDOE provided an update on Louisiana's Early Learning Center Emergency Plan.

- 5 On motion of Ms. McCarstle, and seconded by Ms. Coleman, the Council received an update on Louisiana's Early Learning Center Emergency Plan.

Lisa Brochard of the LDOE provided an update on proposed revisions to Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*. Karen Powell of the LDOE provided an update on proposed revisions to Bulletin 140, *Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Network*.

- 6 On motion of Ms. Blanco, and seconded by Ms. Coleman, the Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations* and Bulletin 140, *Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Network*.

Dr. Jenna Chaisson of the LDOE provided a presentation on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council 2021 Annual Report.

- 7 On motion of Ms. Mitchell, and seconded by Ms. Webb, the Council received the presentation on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council 2021 Annual Report.

- 8 With no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the March 23, 2022 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

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