

# Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council

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## Minutes

The Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council met on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, in the Thomas Jefferson Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Dr. Paula Polito, Chair. Members present were Kristy Bennett, Maria Blanco, Carmen Brabham, Brigit Bryant, Dr. Michelle DeMeulenaere, Jane Hamilton, Deputy Chief Nicholas Heinen, Antoinette Hoard, Arielle Hughes, Jodie Joseph, Tafta Miller, Amy E. Moran, Norma Palma, Jonathan Pearce, Jen Roberts, Dr. Libbie Sonnier, Shanda Theriot, David Thibodeaux, Shannon Wyche, and Amy Zapata.

Lt. Markus Smith served as proxy for Captain Adam Albright, and Keenan Glover served as proxy for Aimee Ewing.

Capt. Adam Albright, Rep. Kim Carver, Sen. Rick Edmonds, Aimee Ewing, Rep. Jason Hughes, Dr. Ashley Lucas, Caroline Oglesby, Kellie Taylor-White, and Kahree Wahid were not in attendance.

*A quorum was present.*

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Mellynn Baker and Karen Powell.

1. On motion of Ms. Bryant, seconded by Dr. Sonnier, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on February 20, 2024.
2. On motion of Dr. Sonnier, seconded by Dr. DeMeulenaere, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the 2023 Annual Report.
3. On motion of Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Hoard, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the Quarterly Report - Quarter 1 (January - March 2024).

4. On motion of Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Pearce, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the report regarding Louisiana's Child Care and Development Fund State Plan timeline.

With no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.