

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)  
Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council  
Wednesday, February 15, 2017  
Minutes – Official

The February 15, 2017 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:17 P.M.

Members present were: Capt. Stacy Barrett, Ms. Contessia Brooks, Ms. Melanie Bronfin, Ms. Gina Young Cahee, Mr. James Evans, Ms. Linda Lambert, Ms. Jodi Loar, Senator Beth Mizell, Dr. Tamanika Odinga, Ms. Paula Polito, Ms. Cindy Rushing, Mr. John Warner Smith, Mr. Kahree Wahid, Dr. Carynn Wiggins and Mr. Young. Gina Easterly served as a proxy for Ms. Amy Zapata, Valerie Laday served as a proxy for Ms. Brenda Sharp, and Teresa Falgoust served as a proxy for Dr. Anthony Recasner. Ms. Kaffia Arvie, Senator Regina Barrow, Ms. Maria Blanco, Dr. Jeanne Burns, Representative Gary Carter, Ms. Carole Elliot, Representative Frank Hoffman, Ms. Lois Jordan, Mr. Albert Mancuso, Ms. Kim Matherne, Dr. Roberta Vicari and Chief Dan Wallis were absent.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education was Jenna Conway.

Public comment was received from Patti Endsley and Penny Hair.

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education member Mr. Tony Davis was present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ms. Paula Polito.

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Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Mr. Smith, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting of the Council.

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Jenna Conway provided a presentation of the proposed revisions to Bulletin 139, *Louisiana Child Care and Development Fund Programs*.

- 2 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Rushing, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Bulletin 139, *Louisiana Child Care and Development Fund Programs* with the recommendation that the language requiring infant and toddler courses for Director Level 3 and Director Level 4 be removed.

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Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report- Quarter 4.

- 3 On motion of Dr. Wiggins, and seconded by Ms. Rushing, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the presentation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report- Quarter 4.

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Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Annual Report- 2016.

- 4 On motion of Ms. Bronfin, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the presentation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Annual Report - 2016.

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- 5 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Loar, and with no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the February 15, 2017 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 3:01 P.M.