

Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council

Minutes

The Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council (ECCE AC) met on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, in the Thomas Jefferson Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Dr. Paula Polito, Chair. Members present were Tara Baudean, Maria Blanco, Carmen Brabham, Zanovia Curtis, Dr. Michelle DeMeulenaere, Sen. Rick Edmonds, Capt. Saleem El-Amin, Jim Garvey, Antoinette Hoard, Arielle Hughes, Jodie Joseph, Dr. Ashley Lucas, Jonathan Pearce, Jen Roberts, Dr. Libbie Sonnier, Dr. Sandra Theriot, David Thibodeaux, Kahree Wahid, and Shannon Wyche.

Keenan Glover served as proxy for Aimee Ewing, Cindy Bishop served as proxy for Tafta Miller, and Olivia Moppent served as proxy for Norma Palma.

Brigit Bryant, Rep. Kim Carver, Aimee Ewing, Deputy Chief Nicholas Heinen, Rep. Jason Hughes, Tafta Miller, Amy E. Moran, Caroline Oglesby, Norma Palma, and Amy Zapata were not in attendance.

A quorum was present.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Barry Carter and Karen Powell.

1. On motion of Ms. Curtis, seconded by Ms. Brabham, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the meeting held September 17, 2025.
2. The LDOE presented the following informational reports:
 - a. Early Childhood Language and Literacy
 - b. 2025 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report–Quarter 3 (July-September)

There were no public comments.

With no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.