

Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council

Minutes

The Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council (ECCE AC) met on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, in the Thomas Jefferson Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by Dr. Paula Polito, Chair. Members present were Capt. Larry Badeaux, Carmen Brabham, Dr. Michelle DeMeulenaere, Aimee Ewing, Jim Garvey, Jane Hamilton, Antoinette Hoard, Arielle Hughes, Rep. Jason Hughes, Jodie Joseph, Dr. Ashley Lucas, Tafta Miller, Norma Palma, Jonathan Pearce, Dr. Shanda Theriot, David Thibodeaux, Kahree Wahid, and Shannon Wyche.

Dr. Candace Weber served as proxy for Dr. Libbie Sonnier.

Kristy Bennett, Maria Blanco, Brigit Bryant, Rep. Kim Carver, Sen. Rick Edmonds, Amy E. Moran, Caroline Oglesby, Dr. Libbie Sonnier, Jen Roberts, and Amy Zapata were not in attendance.

A quorum was present.

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

Public comments were received from Dr. Sarintha Stricklin, Jefferson Parish Early Childhood Community Network/Ready Start Network.

1. On motion of Mr. Pearce, seconded by Dr. DeMeulenaere, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the meeting held September 18, 2024.
2. On motion of Rep. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the revisions to *Bulletin 137–Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.
3. On motion of Rep. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the revisions to *Bulletin 139–Louisiana Child Care and Development Fund Programs*.
4. The LDOE provided an informational report regarding the 2024 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report–Quarter 3 (July–September).

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.