

Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council

Minutes

The Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council (ECCE AC) met on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, in the Thomas Jefferson Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Dr. Paula Polito, Chair. Members present were Capt. Larry Badeaux, Kristy Bennett, Carmen Brabham, Dr. Michelle DeMeulenaere, Sen. Rick Edmonds, Aimee Ewing, Jane Hamilton, Antoinette Hoard, Arielle Hughes, Jodie Joseph, Dr. Ashley Lucas, Tafta Miller, Caroline Oglesby, Norma Palma, Jonathan Pearce, Jennifer Roberts, Dr. Libbie Sonnier, Dr. Shanda Theriot, Kahree Wahid, and Shannon Wyche.

Jodi Loar served as proxy for David Thibodeaux, and Brittany Harris served as proxy for Amy Zapata.

Maria Blanco, Brigit Bryant, Rep. Kim Carver, Dep. Chief Nicholas Heinen, Rep. Jason Hughes, Amy Moran, David Thibodeaux, Kellie Taylor-White, and Amy Zapata were not in attendance.

A quorum was present.

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

1. On motion of Dr. DeMeulenaere, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on July 17, 2024.
2. On motion of Mr. Pearce, seconded by Ms. Miller, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council deferred “Consideration of revisions to *Bulletin 137–Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*” until the November 20, 2024, ECCE AC meeting.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: 14

Nays: 6

Absent: 10

Abstentions: None

The motion passed.

3. The LDOE provided informational reports regarding the following:
 - a. Early childhood language and literacy, and
 - b. Upcoming activities.

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