

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council
Monday, December 8, 2014
Minutes

The December 8, 2014 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 10:18 A.M. Members present were: Ms. Angele Ashley, Capt. Stacy Barrett, Ms. Maria Blanco, Ms. Melanie Bronfin, Ms. Bonnie Buckelew, Dr. Jeanne Burns, Ms. Gina Young Cahee, Ms. Carole Elliot, Mr. James Evans, Mr. Carey Foy, Ms. Lois Jordan, Ms. Linda Lambert, Ms. Jodi Loar, Ms. Kim Matherne, Ms. Paula Polito, Mr. Anthony Recasner, Ms. Cindy Rushing, Ms. Brenda Sharp, Mr. John Warner Smith, Dr. Roberta Vicari, Ms. Carynn Wiggins, Mr. Alan Young, and Ms. Amy Zapata. Senator Conrad Appel, Ms. Contessia Brooks, Representative Regina Barrow, Representative Steve Carter, Mr. Steve Gogreve, Mr. Albert Mancuso, and Mr. Kahree Wahid were absent

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Jenna Conway and Derek Little.

Public comment was received from Ms. Penny Haire.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ms. Cindy Rushing.

Mr. Recasner made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2014 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Mr. Recasner, and seconded by Ms. Blanco, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the November 5, 2014 meeting of the Council.

Jenna Conway and Derek Little provided a presentation on the Early Childhood Funding Model and Considerations.

- 2 On motion of Ms. Loar, and seconded by Mr. Evans, the Early Childhood Care and Education Council endorsed the priorities and funding model presented by the Department, recommended further study and consideration of strategies to increase access for children ages birth to three by at least 5%, and requested a report to the Council on the impact of infrastructure costs to implement Act 3 (2010) and the potential impact of cost of living increases over time, by no later than December 2015.

Jenna Conway and Dr. Jeanne Burns provided a presentation on Early Childhood Teaching Policies and proposed changes to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel* and Bulletin 996, *Standards for Approval of Teacher and/or Educational Leader Preparation Programs*.

3 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Wiggins, the Early Childhood Care and Education Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel* and Bulletin 996, *Standards for Approval of Teacher and/or Educational Leader Preparation Programs* with the following recommendations to the LDE:

- Examine alternate technical and career certificates that have been traditionally counted as equivalent to the Child Development Associate (CDA)
- Investigate the opportunity to align early childhood career development with the Jumpstart model and TOPS Tech private provider approval
- Require the content Praxis exam for the Birth to Kindergarten teaching certificate add-on and the pedagogy Praxis exam to the PreK-3 teaching certificate add-on
- Add a high school diploma as a requirement to receive the Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate

4 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Wiggins, and with no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the December 8, 2014 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 3:38 P.M.