

Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council

Report

The Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council (ECCE AC) met on Thursday, July 17, 2025, 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. Members present were Carmen Brabham, Zanolvia Curtis, Aimee Ewing, Jim Garvey, Jodie Joseph, Tafta Miller, Norma Palma, Jonathan Pearce, Dr. Paula Polito, Dr. Libbie Sonnier, Dr. Shanda Theriot, and David Thibodeaux.

Allison Vicknair served as a proxy for Dr. Michelle DeMeulenaere, Jennifer Stevenson served as a proxy for Arielle Hughes, and Ashley Cox Coates served as a proxy for Amy Zapata.

Kristy Bennett, Maria Blanco, Lt. Dustin Browning, Brigit Bryant, Rep Kim Carver, Dr. Michelle DeMeulenaere, Sen. Rick Edmonds, Deputy Chief Nicholas Heinen, Antoinette Hoard, Arielle Hughes, Rep. Jason Hughes, Dr Ashley Lucas, Amy E. Moran, Caroline Oglesby, Jen Roberts, Kahree Wahid, Shannon Wyche, and Amy Zapata were not in attendance.

A quorum was not present.

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

Without a quorum of the membership present, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m. Informal discussion among the members present regarding agenda items continued until 3:12 p.m.

- The LDOE provided an update regarding revisions to Bulletins in response to Act 409 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session.
- The LDOE provided informational reports regarding the following:
 - 2024 ECCE AC Annual Report
 - 2025 ECCE AC Quarterly Report - Quarter 1 (January-March)
 - 2025 ECCE AC Quarterly Report - Quarter 2 (April-June)

There were no public comments.