

Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council

Minutes

The Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council (ECCE AC) met on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, in the Griffon Room, located in the LaSalle Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Dr. Paula Polito. Members present were Carmen Brabham, Zanovia Curtis, Sen. Rick Edmonds, Antoinette Hoard, Arielle Hughes, Jodie Joseph, Dr. Ashley Lucas, Tafta Miller, Amy E. Moran, Caroline Oglesby-Nailor, Norma Palma, Jen Roberts, Dr. Libbie Sonnier, Dr. Shanda Theriot, David Thibodeaux, Kahree Wahid, and Shannon Wyche.

Allison Vicknair served as proxy for Dr. Michelle DeMeulenaere, and Keenan Glover served as proxy for Aimee Ewing.

Maria Blanco, Brigit Bryant, Rep. Kim Carver, Dr. Michelle DeMeulenaere, Aimee Ewing, Jim Garvey, Deputy Chief Nicholas Heinen, Rep. Jason Hughes, Jonathan Pearce, and Amy Zapata were not in attendance.

A quorum was present.

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

Public comment was received from Brianna Nelson, Archdiocese of New Orleans.

1. On motion of Mr. Wahid, seconded by Dr. Sonnier, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed revisions to *Bulletin 137 - Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.
2. The LDOE provided informational reports regarding:
 - a. Child Care Teacher Pay Supplements in Louisiana
 - b. Supporting Early Language and Literacy Development
 - c. Upcoming Activities

With no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.