

Office of Early Childhood Care and Education

Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council

Minutes

The Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council (ECCE AC) met on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, in the Thomas Jefferson Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 1:12 pm. by Maria Blanco, Vice Chair. Members present were Kristy Bennett, Maria Blanco, Carmen Brabham, Brigit Bryant, Dr. Michelle DeMeulenaere, Sen. Rick Edmonds, Aimee Ewing, Jim Garvey, Jane Hamilton, Antoinette Hoard, Arielle Hughes, Dr. Ashley Lucas, Tafta Miller, Amy E. Moran, Norma Palma, Jonathan Pearce, Dr. Paula Polito, Jen Roberts, Dr. Libbie Sonnier, Dr. Shanda Theriot, David Thibodeaux, and Kahree Wahid.

Lt. Markus Smith served as proxy for Capt. Larry Badeaux, Tessa Holloway served as proxy for Jodie Joseph, and Ashley Cox Coates served as proxy for Amy Zapata.

Capt. Larry Badeaux, Rep. Kim Carver, Deputy Chief Nicholas Heinen, Rep. Jason Hughes, Jodie Joseph, Caroline Oglesby, Shannon Wyche, and Amy Zapata were not in attendance.

A quorum was present.

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

Public comments were received from Pheriche Perkins (Parent), Dr. Leigh Jefferson (LaForce), Shenoa Warren (East Baton Rouge Parish Schools), and Rochelle Wilcox (Wilcox Academy).

1. On motion of Mr. Jonathan Pearce, seconded by Ms. Arielle Hughes, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on November 20, 2024.
2. On motion of Mr. Jonathan Pearce, seconded by Mr. Jim Garvey, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the Revisions to *Bulletin 118 - Statewide Standards and Practices* and *Bulletin 741 - Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators* regarding kindergarten screeners.
3. On motion of Dr. Libbie Sonnier, seconded by Ms. Jen Roberts, the Informational Report: 2024 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly 4 Report (October 2024 -December 2024).

With no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.