

Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council

Claiborne Building | Thomas Jefferson Rm. 1-136 | 1201 North Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 | 1:00 p.m.

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order
 - II. Roll Call
 - III. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held November 20, 2024
 - IV. New Business: Revisions to *Bulletin 118 - Statewide Standards and Practices* and *Bulletin 741 - Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators* regarding kindergarten screeners
 - V. Informational Report: 2024 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report-Quarter 4 (October-December)
 - VI. Discussion Panel: ECCE Family Engagement Strategies
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Council Members

Capt. Larry Badeaux
Kristy Bennett
Maria Blanco
Carmen Brabham
Brigit Bryant
Rep. Kim Carver
Dr. Michelle DeMeulenaere
Sen. Rick Edmonds
Aimee Ewing
Jim Garvey

Jane Hamilton
Deputy Chief Nicholas Heinen
Antoinette Hoard
Arielle Hughes
Rep. Jason Hughes
Jodie Joseph
Dr. Ashley Lucas
Tafta Miller
Amy E. Moran
Caroline Oglesby

Norma Palma
Jonathan Pearce
Dr. Paula Polito
Jen Roberts
Dr. Libbie Sonnier
Dr. Shanda Theriot
David Thibodeaux
Kahree Wahid
Shannon Wyche
Amy Zapata

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Minutes

The Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council (ECCE AC) met on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 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, Chair. Members present were Capt. Larry Badeaux, Carmen Brabham, Dr. Michelle DeMeulenaere, Aimee Ewing, Jim Garvey, Jane Hamilton, Antoinette Hoard, Arielle Hughes, Rep. Jason Hughes, Jodie Joseph, Dr. Ashley Lucas, Tafta Miller, Norma Palma, Jonathan Pearce, Dr. Shanda Theriot, David Thibodeaux, Kahree Wahid, and Shannon Wyche.

Dr. Candace Weber served as proxy for Dr. Libbie Sonnier.

Kristy Bennett, Maria Blanco, Brigit Bryant, Rep. Kim Carver, Sen. Rick Edmonds, Amy E. Moran, Caroline Oglesby, Dr. Libbie Sonnier, Jen Roberts, and Amy Zapata were not in attendance.

A quorum was present.

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

Public comments were received from Dr. Sarintha Stricklin, Jefferson Parish Early Childhood Community Network/Ready Start Network.

1. On motion of Mr. Pearce, seconded by Dr. DeMeulenaere, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the meeting held September 18, 2024.
2. On motion of Rep. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the revisions to *Bulletin 137-Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.
3. On motion of Rep. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Hughes, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the revisions to *Bulletin 139-Louisiana Child Care and Development Fund Programs*.
4. The LDOE provided an informational report regarding the 2024 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report-Quarter 3 (July-September).

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.