

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)  
**Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council**

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Minutes – Unofficial

The February 13, 2019 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:07 P.M.

Members present were: Ms. Maria Blanco, Ms. Carolyn Bombet, Ms. Melanie Bronfin, Ms. Ashley Byrd, Lt. Lorre Claiborne, Dr. Susannah Craig, Capt. Chris Eskew, Mr. James Evans, Ms. Dionne Frost, Ms. Abigail Iron Rope, Ms. Linda Lambert, Ms. LaTrese LeCour, Dr. Toni Ledet, Dr. Tamanika Odinga, Ms. Paula Polito, Mr. John Warner Smith, Ms. Patricia Triche, Dr. Roberta Vicari, Mr. Kahree Wahid, and Mr. Alan Young. Sen. Regina Barrow, Ms. Tasha Dennis, Ms. Carole Elliot, Rep. Frank Hoffman, Dr. Michelle Joubert, Ms. Leslie Lewis, Sen. Beth Mizell, Dr. Anthony Recasner, Rep. Patricia Smith, and Ms. Kellie Taylor-White were absent.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Jessica Baghian, Lisa Brochard, Daisy Grotsma, and Nasha Patel.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ms. Paula Polito.

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Dr. Vicari made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2018 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council meeting. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Dr. Vicari, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the November 28, 2018 meeting of the Council.

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Alan Young nominated Paula Polito as Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

- 2 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Frost, the Council approved Ms. Paula Polito as Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

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Dionne Frost nominated James Evans as Vice Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

3 On motion of Ms. Frost, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Council approved Mr. James Evans as Vice Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

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Daisy Grotsma provided an update on Louisiana’s emergency preparedness for early learning centers.

4 On motion of Dr. Vicari, and seconded by Ms. Iron Rope, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the update on Louisiana’s emergency preparedness for early learning centers.

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Lisa Brochard provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to Bulletin 139, *Louisiana Child Care and Development Funds Program*.

5 On motion of Mr. Wahid, and seconded by Ms. Blanco, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Bulletin 139, *Louisiana Child Care and Development Funds Program*.

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Chair Paula Polito requested that the agenda be amended to include a presentation on the CCDF State Plan Amendment, 2019-2021 State Plan, Child Care Assistance Program Sliding Fee Scale Update.

Ms. Polito stated that, per R.S. 42:19, unanimous approval of the members present is required to amend the agenda. Ms. Polito indicated that there would be an opportunity for public comment on any such motion in accordance with R.S. 42:14.

Ms. Polito asked for a motion to amend the agenda.

Mr. Young offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Frost, to amend the agenda to include agenda item, “Consideration of the CCDF State Plan Amendment, 2019-2021 State Plan, Child Care Assistance Program Sliding Fee Scale Update.”

There were no requests for public comments at this time.

Ms. Polito asked for a Roll Call Vote on the motion to amend the agenda.

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On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Frost, the agenda was amended to include agenda item, "CCDF State Plan Amendment, 2019-2021 State Plan, Child Care Assistance Program Sliding Fee Scale Update."

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Blanco, Ms. Bombet, Ms. Bronfin, Ms. Byrd, Lt. Claiborne, Dr. Craig, Capt. Eskew, Mr. Evans, Ms. Frost, Ms. Iron Rope, Ms. Lambert, Ms. LeCour, Dr. Ledet, Dr. Odinga, Ms. Polito, Mr. Smith, Ms. Triche, Dr. Vicari, Mr. Wahid, and Mr. Young.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absences: Sen. Barrow, Ms. Dennis, Ms. Elliot, Rep. Hoffman, Dr. Joubert, Ms. Lewis, Sen. Mizell, Dr. Recasner, Rep. Smith, and Ms. Taylor-White.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the members present.

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Lisa Brochard provided a presentation on The CCDF State Plan Amendment, 2019-2021 State Plan, Child Care Assistance Program Sliding Fee Scale Update.

- 6 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Odinga, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the CCDF State Plan Amendment, 2019-2021 State Plan, Child Care Assistance Program Sliding Fee Scale Update.

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Jessica Baghian, Lisa Brochard, and Nasha Patel provided a presentation on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report - Quarter 4.

- 7 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Craig the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report - Quarter 4.

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Jessica Baghian, Lisa Brochard, and Nasha Patel provided a presentation on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council 2018 Annual Report.

8 On motion of Ms. Blanco, and seconded by Ms. Bronfin the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council 2018 Annual Report.

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9 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Young, and with no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the February 13, 2019 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 2:38 P.M.

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