

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

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Minutes – Unofficial

The March 17, 2021 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:02 p.m. Members present were: Maria Blanco, Dr. Libbie Sonnier, Dr. Michelle Joubert, Dr. Tamanika Odinga, James Evans, Falcia Coleman, Carole Elliot, Jennifer Roberts, Shenoa Webb, Dr. Ashley Lucas, Alan Young, Joy Mitchell, Lesley Corban, Kellie Taylor-White, Nicole Angelle, Rep. Chris Turner, Linda Lambert, Melissa Drescher, LaTrese LeCour, Sen. Beth Mizell, Dr. Toni Ledet, Nora McCarstle, and Kahree Wahid.

Mathilde Mulkin, Emily Hunyadi, Capt. Aaron Marcelle, Rep. Polly Thomas, and Lt. Lorre Claiborne were absent.

Melissa Anders served as a proxy for Dr. Susannah Craig, and Monique Rouege served as a proxy for Paula Polito.

Public Comments were received from Melanie Bronfin.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Lisa Brochard, Dr. Jenna Chiasson, Taylor Dunn, and Kim Nesmith.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Libbie Sonnier at 1:02 p.m.

Dr. Libbie Sonnier requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2021 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council meeting. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Ms. Blanco, and seconded by Dr. Odinga, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the February 24, 2021 meeting of the Council.

Dr. Libbie Sonnier recommended the appointment of Capt. Aaron Marcelle to replace Capt. Mark Richards as the representative from the Louisiana State Police Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

2 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Blanco, the Council approved the appointment of Capt. Aaron Marcelle to replace Capt. Mark Richards as the representative from the Louisiana State Police Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

Kim Nesmith of the LDOE provided an update on Louisiana’s Early Learning Center Emergency Plan.

3 On motion of Dr. Odinga, and seconded by Ms. Anders, the Council received an update on Louisiana’s Early Learning Center Emergency Plan.

Taylor Dunn provided an update on proposed revisions to Bulletin 140, *Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Network*.

4 On motion of Dr. Odinga, and seconded by Ms. McCarstle, the Council approved the proposed revisions to Bulletin 140, *Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Network*.

Dr. Jenna Chaisson and Taylor Dunn of the LDOE provided a presentation on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council 2020 Annual Report.

5 On motion of Dr. Odinga, and seconded by Ms. Taylor-White, the Council received the presentation on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council 2020 Annual Report.

6 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Roberts, and with no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the March 17, 2021 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.