

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

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Minutes – Unofficial

The July 14, 2021 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:12 p.m. Members present were: Dr. Libbie Sonnier, James Evans, Falcia Coleman, Jennifer Roberts, Alan Young, Joy Mitchell, Rep. Chris Turner, Linda Lambert, Melissa Drescher, Dr. Toni Ledet, Nora McCarstle and Kahree Wahid.

Maria Blanco, Dr. Michelle Joubert, Dr. Tamanika Odinga, Mathilde Mulkin, Emily Hunyadi, Carole Elliot, Shenoa Webb, Dr. Ashley Lucas, Kellie Taylor-White, Capt. Aaron Marcelle, Nicole Angelle, LaTrese LeCour, Sen. Beth Mizell and Lt. Lorre Claiborne were absent.

Melissa Anders served as a proxy for Dr. Susannah Craig, Dr. Sarintha Stricklin served as proxy for Paula Polito and Kelly Coreil served as proxy for Lesley Corban.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) were Lisa Brochard, Dr. Jenna Chiasson and Taylor Dunn.

Public comment was received by Rochelle Wilcox, Monique Rouge and Tara Emery.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Libbie Sonnier at 1:12 p.m.

Dr. Sonnier requested a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council meeting. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Mitchel, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the May 19, 2021 meeting of the Council.

Dr. Libbie Sonnier of the Louisiana Policy Institute for Children provided an update on Early Childhood Legislation.

2 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Evans, the Council received an update on Early Childhood Legislation.

Lisa Brochard, Dr. Jenna Chaisson and Taylor Dunn of the LDOE provided a presentation of Louisiana’s Plan to Support Families and Child Care with ARPA Funding.

3 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Roberts, the Council received the presentation of Louisiana’s Plan to Support Families and Child Care with ARPA Funding.

Lisa Brochard of the LDOE provided a presentation on proposed revisions to Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

4 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Mitchell, the Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

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

5 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Mitchell, the Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Bulletin 139, *Louisiana Child Care Development and Funds Program*.

Lisa Brochard, Dr. Jenna Chaisson and Taylor Dunn of the LDOE provided a presentation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report – Quarter 2 2021.

6 On motion of Dr. Ledet, and seconded by Ms. Mitchell, the Council received the presentation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report – Quarter 2 2021.

7 On motion of Ms. Mitchell, and seconded by Ms. Roberts, and with no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the July 14, 2021 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.