

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council
Wednesday, May 24, 2017
Minutes – Official

The May 24, 2017 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:14 P.M.

Members present were: Capt. Stacy Barrett, Ms. Melanie Bronfin, Mr. James Evans, Ms. Lois Jordan, Ms. Linda Lambert, Ms. Jodi Loar, Senator Beth Mizell, Dr. Anthony Recasner, Ms. Cindy Rushing, Mr. John Warner Smith, and Ms. Amy Zapata. Ms. Kelli Taylor-White served as a proxy for Ms. Kaffia Arvie, and Ms. Toni Ledet served as a proxy for Ms. Brenda Sharp. Senator Regina Barrow, Ms. Maria Blanco, Ms. Contessia Brooks, Dr. Jeanne Burns, Ms. Gina Young Cahee, Representative Gary Carter, Ms. Carole Elliot, Representative Frank Hoffman, Mr. Albert Mancuso, Ms. Kim Matherne, Dr. Tamanika Odinga, Ms. Paula Polito, Dr. Roberta Vicari, Mr. Kahree Wahid, Chief Dan Wallis, Dr. Carynn Wiggins and Mr. Young were absent.

A quorum of voting members was not present.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education was Jenna Conway.

Public Comment was received by Christine Duay.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Mr. James Evans.

Dr. Recasner made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2017 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Dr. Recasner, and seconded by Ms. Jordan, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the March 22, 2017 meeting of the Council. A quorum was not present at the time of the vote.

Melanie Bronfin provided an update from the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Work Group on the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.

- 2 On motion of Ms. Loar, and seconded by Mr. Recasner the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the following recommendations from the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Work Group on the Early Childhood Care and Education Network:

- Regarding Coordinated Enrollment and Funding:
 - i. In the next 6 months, the LDE should create of a toolbox and resource library for coordinated enrollment and funding that include information and best practices with the target audience of lead agencies.
 - ii. The LDE should publicly post past and future coordinated enrollment and funding plans for each lead agency.
 - iii. Within the next 6 months, the LDE should form a subgroup of the ECCE AC Community Network Work Group, which includes nonmembers of the Advisory Council, to meet and provide specific recommendations around aligning eligibility requirements and documents for coordinated enrollment.
- Regarding improving the confidence regarding the reliability of *CLASS* scores:
 - i. In the next 6 months, the LDE should create of a toolbox and resource library for *CLASS* observations that include information and best practices targeted towards lead agencies.
 - ii. The LDE should require Picard to strengthen their system to identify trends of their observers that may suggest inaccuracy, and should develop common guidelines and protocols for both Picard and local observers for the observations to be implemented by 2017-2018 school year.
 - iii. The LDE should consider another pilot in 2017-2018 on use of videos to increase observer accuracy.
 - iv. The Work Group requests a meeting/call with Teachstone to discuss the video pilot further.

A quorum was not present at the time of the vote.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to Bulletin 140, *Louisiana Early Childhood Care and education Network*.

- 3 On motion of Ms. Loar and seconded by Dr. Recasner the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Bulletin 140, *Louisiana Early Childhood Care and education Network*. A quorum was not present at the time of the vote.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*.

- 4 On motion of Ms. Loar and seconded by Mr. Smith the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Bulletin 746, *Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel*. A quorum was not present at the time of the vote.

Jenna Conway provided an update on Louisiana's Market Rate Survey.

- 5 On motion of Ms. Loar, and seconded by Ms. Jordan the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the update on Louisiana's Market Rate Survey. A quorum was not present at the time of the vote.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report- Quarter 1.

- 6 On motion of Ms. Loar, and seconded by Dr. Recasner the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report- Quarter 1. A quorum was not present at the time of the vote.

- 7 On motion of Ms. Loar, and seconded by Dr. Recasner, and with no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the May 24, 2017 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 3:48 P.M.