

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)  
Early Childhood Care and Education Commission (ECCEC)

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Minutes – Official

The December 13, 2018 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission was called to order at 12:20 P.M. Members present were: Jessica Baghian, Senator Regina Barrow, Maria Blanco, Melanie Bronfin, Toni Buxton, Laurie Carlton, Dr. Susannah Craig, Dr. Cynthia DiCarlo, Dr. Gina Easterly, Donna Edwards, Sherry Guarisco, Rep. Stephanie Hilferty, Buddy Leach, Dr. Keith Leger, Sen. Beth Mizell, Paula Polito, Abigail Iron Rope, Monique Rouege, Cindy Rushing, Ms. Monique Scott-Spaulding, Ms. Brenda Sharp, Dr. Susan Spring, Judy Thompson, Michael Tipton, Kahree Wahid, Alan Young, and Dr. Charles Zeanah. Dr. Kristine Strickland served as a proxy for Dr. Cade Brumley and Camille Conaway served as a proxy for Brigitte Nieland.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education was Emmy O’Dwyer and Nasha Patel.

The meeting was called to order by Rep. Stephanie Hilferty at 12:20 p.m.

Rep. Hilferty requested a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2018 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission (ECCEC).

- 1 On motion of Mr. Tipton, and seconded by Sen. Mizell, the ECCEC approved the minutes of the October 3, 2018 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission (ECCEC).

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Dr. Lori Connors-Tadros provided a report regarding approaches to increased access to quality from other states.

- 2 On motion of Mr. Tipton, and seconded by Mr. Young, the ECCEC received the report regarding approaches to increased access to quality from other states.

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Paula Polito, Nasha Patel, Melanie Bronfin and Michael Tipton provided an update on Commission Workgroup recommendations and the final report outline.

- 3 On motion of Ms. Polito, and seconded by Ms. Rope, the ECCEC approved the proposed outline of the legislative report.

4 On motion of Ms. Polito, and seconded by Ms. Blanco, the ECCEC received the report on recommended future considerations regarding local governance pilots, infrastructure, and cross-collaboration between stakeholder groups.

5 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Tipton, the ECCEC recommended that the final report include prioritization for infants and toddlers and a ten-year plan with incremental steps towards achieving the goals outlined in the report; and that the report include investment in evidence-based strategies, including but not limited to, home visitation, screenings, and infant and toddler seat capacity.

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6 With no further business to come before the ECCEC, the December 13, 2018 meeting of the ECCEC was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

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