

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council
Wednesday, February 11, 2015
Minutes – Official

The February 11, 2015 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:12 P.M. Members present were: Ms. Angele Ashley, Capt. Stacy Barrett, Representative Regina Barrow, Ms. Maria Blanco, Ms. Contessia Brooks, Ms. Melanie Bronfin, Dr. Jeanne Burns, Ms. Carole Elliot, Mr. James Evans, Ms. Lois Jordan, Ms. Linda Lambert, Ms. Jodi Loar, Ms. Paula Polito, Mr. Anthony Recasner, Ms. Cindy Rushing, Ms. Brenda Sharp, Mr. John Warner Smith, Mr. Kahree Wahid, Ms. Carynn Wiggins, Mr. Alan Young, and Ms. Amy Zapata. Senator Conrad Appel, Ms. Bonnie Buckelew, Ms. Gina Young Cahee, Representative Steve Carter, Mr. Steve Gogreve, Mr. Albert Mancuso, Ms. Kim Matherne, and Dr. Roberta Vicari were absent. Ms. Stesha Rampersad served as a proxy for Mr. Carey Foy.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Jenna Conway and Derek Little.

Public comment was received from Paula Wiltse.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ms. Cindy Rushing.

Mr. Recasner made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2014 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Mr. Recasner, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the December 8, 2014 meeting of the Council.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Quarterly Update.

- 2 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Recasner, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the presentation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Quarterly Update.

Jenna Conway provided an update on CCAP Provider Certification and CCDF Teacher Scholarships.

- 3 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Blanco, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the update regarding CCAP Provider Director and CCDF Teacher Scholarships.

Jenna Conway provided an update on the Preschool Development Grant.

- 4 On motion of Representative Barrow, and seconded by Ms. Wiggins, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the update on the Preschool Development Grant.

Derek Little provided a presentation on the Quality Start Transition and the proposed establishment of Bulletin 139, *Child Care Assistance Program*.

- 5 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Loar, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the report on the Quality Start transition, endorsed the establishment of Bulletin 139, *Child Care Assistance Program*, and requested that the following data be shared in future Early Childhood Care and Education Quarterly Updates:

- the number of early learning centers enrolled in Quality Start;
- the star level of centers enrolled in Quality Start;
- the number of centers registered as each type of early learning center (Type I, Type II, Type III); and
- all changes that have taken place within these measures since the most previous quarterly update.

- 6 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Smith, and with no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the February 11, 2015 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 3:03 P.M.