

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

Wednesday, July 24, 2019  
Minutes – Unofficial

The July 24, 2019 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:11 P.M. Members present were: Ms. Carolyn Bombet, Ms. Melanie Bronfin, Dr. Susannah Craig, Ms. Abigail Iron Rope, Dr. Michelle Joubert, Sen. Beth Mizell, Dr. Tamanika Odinga, Ms. Paula Polito, Mr. John Warner Smith, Rep. Patricia Smith, Dr. Libbie Sonnier-Netto, Dr. Roberta Vicari, and Ms. Kellie Taylor-White. Ms. Valerie Ledet served as a proxy Dr. Toni Ledet, Ms. Nora McCarstle served as a proxy for Ms. Leslie Lewis, and Ms. Olivette Temple served as a proxy for Mr. Alan Young. Ms. Maria Blanco, Sen. Regina Barrow, Ms. Ashley Byrd, Lt. Lorre Claiborne, Ms. Tasha Dennis, Ms. Carole Elliot, Captain Chris Eskew, Mr. James Evans, Ms. Dionne Frost, Rep. Frank Hoffman, Ms. Linda Lambert, Ms. LaTrese LeCour, Sen. Beth Mizell, Dr. Anthony Recasner, and Ms. Patricia Triche were absent.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Jessica Baghian, Daisy Grotsma, and Nasha Patel.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ms. Paula Polito.

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Dr. Odinga made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council meeting. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Dr. Odinga, and seconded by Mr. Smith, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the May 15, 2019 meeting of the Council.

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Ms. Polito provided a status update on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council membership.

- 2 On motion of Mr. Smith, and seconded by Dr. Odinga, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the update on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council membership.

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Jessica Baghian recommended that the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council consider item VI. Consideration of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report – Quarter 2, prior to item V. Consideration of proposed revisions to Bulletin 139 Louisiana Child Care Development and Funds Program.

The Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory voted unanimously to consider item VI. Consideration of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report – Quarter 2, prior to item V. Consideration of proposed revisions to Bulletin 139 Louisiana Child Care Development and Funds Program.

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Jessica Baghian, Daisy Grotsma, and Nasha Patel provided a presentation on the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report - Quarter 2.

- 3 On motion of Dr. Craig, and seconded by Dr. Odinga the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report - Quarter 2.

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Jessica Baghian provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to Bulletin 139, *Louisiana Child Care Development and Funds Program*.

- 4 On motion of Sen. Mizell, and seconded by Mr. Smith, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Bulletin 139, *Louisiana Child Care Development and Funds Program*.

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- 5 On motion of Dr. Vicari, and seconded by Ms. Taylor-White, and with no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the July 24, 2019 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 2:56 P.M.