

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

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Minutes – Unofficial

The September 19, 2019 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission was called to order at 12:12 P.M. Members present were: Jessica Baghian, Toni Buxton, Dr. Susannah Craig, Dr. Cynthia F. DiCarlo, Dr. Gina Easterly, First Lady Donna Edwards, Dionne Frost, Melissa Goudeau, Rep. Stephanie Hilferty, Melissa McConnell, Paula Polito, Monique Rouege, Cindy Rushing, Brenda Sharp, Dr. Libbie Sonnier-Netto, Dr. Susan Spring, Michael Tipton, and Alan Young. Dr. Kristine Strickland served as a proxy for Dr. Cade Brumley. Susan Nelson served as a proxy for Sherry Guarisco. Allison Tregg served as a proxy for Dr. Charles H. Zeanah. Senator Regina Barrow, Maria Blanco, Dr. Michelle Fazio-Brunson, Representative Gary Carter, Dr. Linda Flynn, Theon Julien, Buddy Leach, Dr. Keith Leger, Anthony V. Liji, Jr., Senator Beth Mizell, Stacey Neal, Dr. Keith Perrin, Abigail Iron Rope, Monique Scott-Spaulding, Melissa Stilley, and Judy Thompson were absent.

Public comment was received by Melanie Bronfin.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education was Jessica Baghian and Kaye Eichler.

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

Rep. Hilferty requested a motion to amend the agenda to add the following item: "VI. Louisiana Policy Institute for Children & Advocacy and Communications Solution: LA B-3 Toolkit."

- 1 On motion of Ms. Polito, and seconded by Mr. Tipton, the ECCEC voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add the following item: "VI. Louisiana Policy Institute for Children & Advocacy and Communications Solution: LA B-3 Toolkit."

Rep. Hilferty requested a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2019 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission (ECCEC).

- 2 On motion of Dr. Craig, and seconded by Mr. Tipton, the ECCEC approved the minutes of the August 20, 2019 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission (ECCEC).

Jessica Baghian provided an update report on the Ready Start Model.

3 On motion of Mr. Tipton, and seconded by Mr. Young, the ECCEC received the update report on the Ready Start Model.

Kaye Eichler led a Ready Start panel discussion, along with the following representatives of Ready Start Networks: Sarintha Strickland (Jefferson Parish), Cindy Rushing (Rapides Parish), Tony Davis (BESE member, Natchitoches Parish), Almetra Franklin (St. Mary Parish), and Leslie Hodges (Washington Parish).

Rebecca Cohen, Vice-President of Advocacy & Communication Solutions, provided an update on Louisiana Policy Institute for Children Advocacy and Communications Solutions LA B-3 Toolkit.

4 On motion of Rep. Hilferty, and seconded by Mr. Tipton, the ECCEC received the update report on the Louisiana Policy Institute for Children Advocacy and Communications Solutions LA B-3 Toolkit.

5 With no further business to come before the ECCEC, the September 19, 2019 meeting of the ECCEC was adjourned at 2:12 P.M.