

# Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council

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Claiborne Building | Thomas Jefferson Rm. 1-136 | 1201 North Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
Wednesday, September 18, 2024 | 1:00 p.m.

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## Agenda

- I. Call to Order
  - II. Roll Call
  - III. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held July 17, 2024
  - IV. Consideration of revisions to *Bulletin 137 - Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*
  - V. Informational Reports:
    - A. Early Childhood Language and Literacy
    - B. Upcoming Activities
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## Council Members

Capt. Larry Badeaux  
Kristy Bennett  
Maria Blanco  
Carmen Brabham  
Brigit Bryant  
Rep. Kim Carver  
Dr. Michelle DeMeulenaere  
Sen. Rick Edmonds  
Aimee Ewing  
Jane Hamilton

Deputy Chief Nicholas Heinen  
Antoinette Hoard  
Arielle Hughes  
Rep. Jason Hughes  
Jodie Joseph  
Dr. Ashley Lucas  
Tafta Miller  
Amy E. Moran  
Caroline Oglesby  
Norma Palma

Jonathan Pearce  
Dr. Paula Polito  
Jen Roberts  
Dr. Libbie Sonnier  
Kellie Taylor-White  
Dr. Shanda Theriot  
David Thibodeaux  
Kahree Wahid  
Shannon Wyche  
Amy Zapata

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## Minutes

The Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council met on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, in the Thomas Jefferson Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Maria Blanco, Vice Chair. Members present were Kristy Bennett, Carmen Brabham, Dr. Michelle DeMeulenaere, Aimee Ewing, Jane Hamilton, Arielle Hughes, Jodie Joseph, Dr. Ashley Lucas, Tafta Miller, Amy E. Moran, Norma Palma, Jonathan Pearce, Jen Roberts, Dr. Libbie Sonnier, Dr. Shanda Theriot, and David Thibodeaux.

Lt. Markus Smith served as a proxy for Capt. Adam Albright, and Jessica Nelson served as a proxy for Dr. Paula Polito.

Capt. Adam Albright, Brigit Bryant, Rep. Kim Carver, Sen. Rick Edmonds, Dep. Chief Nicholas Heinen, Antoinette Hoard, Rep. Jason Hughes, Caroline Oglesby, Dr. Paula Polito, Kellie Taylor-White, Kahree Wahid, Shannon Wyche, and Amy Zapata were not in attendance.

*A quorum was present.*

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Mellynn Baker and Karen Powell.

1. On motion of Mr. Pearce, seconded by Dr. Theriot, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on May 8, 2024.
2. On motion of Dr. Sonnier, seconded by Ms. Miller, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the Louisiana Early Childhood Workforce Pilot Informational Report.
3. On motion of Dr. Sonnier, seconded by Mr. Pearce, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the Quarterly Report-Quarter 2 (April-May 2024).

With no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.