



Office of Early Childhood Care and Education

# Early Childhood Care and Education Commission

Claiborne Building | Thomas Jefferson Room 1-136 | 1201 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 |  
Monday, July 17, 2024 | 10:00 a.m.

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## Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consideration of an update report regarding the meeting held January 22, 2024
- IV. Informational Reports and Discussion:
  - A. Report regarding 2024-2025 ECCE Commission and Task Force Work
  - B. Discussion regarding the September 2024 Early Childhood Care and Education Commission Report
  - C. Discussion regarding funding design principles for early childhood care and education

## Commission Members

Conrad Appel  
Karen Austin  
Mellynn Baker  
Dr. Susannah Craig  
Dr. Cynthia D. DiCarlo  
Rachel Dugas  
Rep. Kathy Edmonston  
Tara Emery (8/1/24)  
Rep. Barbara Freiberg

Jim Garvey  
Dr. Angela Greaud  
Dr. Leigh Griffin  
Mary Beth Hughes (8/1/24)  
Mistie Perry Lasseigne  
Ruth Lawson  
Dr. Timothy Magner (8/1/24)  
Pheriche Perkins  
LeeAnn Price  
Caitlyn Robinson

Dr. Libbie Sonnier (8/1/24)  
Melissa Stillely  
Shanda Theriot  
Nancy Tooraen  
Lindsey Vicknair  
Kahree Wahid  
Rochelle Wilcox

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## Minutes

The Early Childhood Care and Education Commission met on Tuesday, January 22, 2024, in the Thomas Jefferson Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 1:13 p.m. Members present were Susannah Boudreaux, Toni Buxton, Dr. Susannah Craig, Dr. Cynthia D. DiCarlo, Lindsey Fisher, Rep. Barbara Freiberg, Melissa Goudeau, Mattilyn Karst, Dr. Keith Perrin, Pheriche Perkins, Dr. Paula Polito, Caitlyn Robinson, Cindy Rushing, Dr. Libby Sonnier, Michael Tipton, Nancy Tooraen, Allison Trigg, Lindsay Vicknair, and Kahree Wahid.

Caroline Starlight served as proxy for Ruth Lawson, and Chante Lewis served as proxy for Yolanda Motley.

Sen. Regina Barrow, Maria Blanco, Former First Lady Donna Edwards, Dionne Frost, Anya Glusman, Sherry Guarisco, Ruth Lawson, Michael Melerine, Yolanda Motley, Monique Rouege, Monique Scott-Spaulding, Dr. Kenyetta Nelson-Smith, Liz Smith, Melissa Stilley, and Judy Thompson were not in attendance.

*A quorum was not present.*

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Karen Powell and Dr. Jenna Chiasson.

Without a quorum of the membership present the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Informal discussion among members present regarding agenda items continued until 2:25 p.m.

The LDOE provided an update regarding:

- February 2024 Early Care and Education Commission Draft Report