

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 |
Wednesday, August 28, 2024 | 1:00 p.m.

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consideration of an update report regarding the meeting held July 17, 2024
- IV. Consideration of the September 2024 Early Childhood Care and Education Commission Report
- V. Informational Discussion:
 - A. Early Childhood in Action:
Dr. Mistie Perry Lasseigne, Nicholls State University
Rochelle Wilcox, Wilcox Academy at Southern University New Orleans

Commission Members

Co-Chairs: Sen. Beth Mizell and Rep. Barbara Reich Freiberg

Conrad Appel
Karen Austin
Mellynn Baker
Sen. Regina Barrow
Mark Bond
Dr. Susannah Craig
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Ruth Lawson
Dr. Timothy Magner
Sen. Beth Mizell
Pheriche Perkins
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Monique Scott-Spaulling
Dr. Libbie Sonnier
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Minutes

The Early Childhood Care and Education Commission met on Tuesday, July 17, 2024, in the Thomas Jefferson Room, located in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. Members present were Conrad Appel, Karen Austin, Dr. Susannah Craig, Dr. Cynthia F. DiCarlo, Rachel Dugas, Rep. Kathy Edmonston, Tara Emery, Rep. Barbara Freiberg, Jim Garvey, Angela Greaud, Dr. Leigh Griffin, Mary Beth Hughes, Dr. Mistie Perry Lasseigne, Pheriche Perkins, LeeAnn Price, Monique Scott-Spaulding, Dr. Libbie Sonnier, Dr. Shanda Theriot, Nancy Tooraen, Lindsey Vicknair, and Rochelle Wilcox.

Brittney Cochran served as proxy for Caitlyn Robinson, and Maria Blanco served as proxy for Kahree Wahid.

Ruth Lawson, Dr. Timothy Magner, and Melissa Stilley were not in attendance

A quorum was not present.

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

Without a quorum of the membership present the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Informal discussion among members present regarding agenda items continued until 11:25 a.m.

The LDOE provided an update regarding:

- 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