

Early Childhood Care and Education Commission



August 28, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

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 of New Orleans



I. Call to Order



II. Roll Call



III. Consideration of an update report regarding the meeting held July 17, 2024



ECCE Commission Goals

- 2022 legislation reauthorized the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission.
- This legislation continued to charge the Commission to:
 - Study and make recommendations relative to establishing a vision for the future of early childhood care and education in Louisiana
 - Establish and appoint members to a task force



ECCE Commission Task Force Members 2023-2024

Rep. Barbara Reich Freiberg
Commission Co-Chair

Sen. Beth Mizell
Commission Co-Chair

Stephen Barnes, Ph.D.
*Kathleen Blanco Public Policy
Center*

Melissa Goudeau
Parent Representative

Ruth Lawson
*Jefferson Parish Chamber of
Commerce*

Jan Moller
Louisiana Budget Project

**Steven Procopio /
Melinda Deslatte**
*Public Affairs Research
Council of Louisiana (PAR)*

Libbie Sonnier, Ph.D.
*Louisiana Policy Institute for
Children*

Michael Tipton
*Blue Cross Blue Shield of
Louisiana Foundation*



ECCE Commission Report

The February 2024 Commission report noted that investment in early childhood education delivers both immediate and long-term gains for Louisiana.

The report recommended the Louisiana State Legislature:

1. Invest \$98 million of additional state funds in high-quality early care and education now and annually over 10 years to ensure statewide access
2. Enact legislation that guarantees the State's commitment to the ECE Fund, to match and incentivize ongoing and increasing local investment
3. Continue to review state and local revenue and resources to identify potential sustainable funding for early care and education



IV. Consideration of the September 2024 Early Childhood Care and Education Commission Report



September 2024 ECCE Commission Report

Louisiana Strong: Building the Early Care and Education System for Success

Report Outline:

- “A Shared Vision for Louisiana’s Working Families and Children” (page 1)
- “Practical Now and in the Future” (page 2)
- “Getting There: Closing the Gap for a Strong ECE System” (pages 2-3)
- “Short-Term Recommendations: Protect Our Current Investment” (pages 3-4)
- “Intermediate Recommendations: Stabilize Louisiana’s Early Care and Education System” (page 4)
- “Long-term Recommendations: Fund Our Economic Future” (pages 4-5)



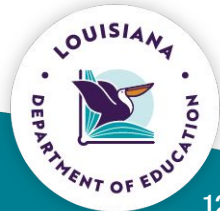
IV.A. Informational Discussion: Early Childhood in Action





Early Childhood In Action Panel

- Dr. Mistie Perry Lasseigne,
Nicholls State University
- Rochelle Wilcox,
Wilcox Academy at Southern
University New Orleans



Upcoming Events



Adjournment

