

## AUTHORITY/HISTORY

Louisiana's Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was created through Act 868 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session to inform policies related to the unification launched by Act 3 of the 2012 legislative session, which established unified expectations for child care, Head Start, and pre-kindergarten programs

## 2017 MEETING DATES

- Wednesday, January 18, 2017
- Wednesday, February 15, 2017
- Wednesday, March 22, 2017
- Wednesday, May 24, 2017
- Wednesday, July 19, 2017
- Wednesday, October 4, 2017

## MEMBERSHIP ROLES & APPOINTING AUTHORITIES

**Chair:** Paula Polito

**Vice Chair:** James Evans

**LDOE Staff Coordinator:** Jenna Conway

Role	Appointing Authority	Member	Title/Organization
Advocacy or Service Organization, focusing on children with disabilities	State Superintendent of Education	Maria Blanco	Assistant Professor, LSU Health Science Center New Orleans
Nonprofit Advocacy Organization	State Superintendent of Education	Melanie Bronfin	Executive Director, Policy Institute for Children
Head Start Program (LEA)	BESE	Contessia Brooks	Director of Head Start, West Feliciana Parish Schools
Local Education Agency	BESE	Tamanika Odinga	Director of Early Intervention, St. Charles Parish Public Schools
Professional or Faculty Member with early childhood expertise	Commissioner of Higher Education	jeanne Burns	Associate Commissioner of Teacher and Leadership Initiatives, Louisiana Board of Regents
Type I Early Learning Center	State Superintendent of Education	Carole Elliot	Associate Superintendent, Archdiocese of New Orleans
Head Start Program (non-LEA)	State Superintendent of Education	James Evans	Deputy Director of Operations, Total Community Action Agency
Type III Early Learning Center	State Superintendent of Education	Lois Jordan	Owner/Director, The Prep Center Inc.
Parent of a child current enrolled in publicly-funded early learning center	BESE	Jodi Loar	Parent of a child at Color Wheel Learning Center
Nonpublic School	BESE	Paula Polito	Owner/Director, Beary Cherry Tree Day Care Center
Nonprofit Advocacy Organization	State Superintendent of Education	Anthony Recasner	Executive Director, Agenda for Children
Local Education Agency	BESE	Cindy Rushing	Preschool Program Coordinator, Rapides Parish Schools

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Louisiana Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics	President, Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics	Roberta Vicari	Chief of Our Lady of the Lake's Pediatric Residency Program, Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Representative of Louisiana Business or Community Org	BESE	John Warner Smith	Chief Executive Officer, Education's Next Horizon
Nonpublic School	BESE	Carynn Wiggins	Principal, Our Lady of Fatima School
Type III Early Learning Center	State Superintendent of Education	Alan Young	Owner of Southland Park Learning Center
Type II Early Learning Center	State Superintendent of Education	Gina Young Cahee	Owner/Director of Principal's List Preschool
Representative from the Louisiana Workforce Commission	Ex-officio member	Kaffia Arvie	Executive assistant to Ava Dejoie at the LA Workforce Commission Louisiana Workforce Commission
Representative from the Louisiana State Police Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information	Ex-officio member	Stacey Barrett	Captain, Louisiana State Police
Designee from Senate Committee on Health and Welfare	Ex-officio member	Regina Barrow	State Senator , Senate Health and Welfare Chair
Designee from House Committee on Education	Ex-officio member	Gary Carter	State Representative
Designee from House Committee on Health and Welfare	Ex-officio member	Frank Hoffmann	State Representative, House Health and Welfare Chair
Director of the Child and Adult Care Food Program at the Department of Education	Ex-officio member	Linda Lambert	Director of the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Louisiana Department of Education
Representative from the Office of Sanitarian Services at the Department of Health and Hospitals	Ex-officio member	Albert Mancuso	Department of Health and Hospitals
Designee from Department of Children and Family Services	Ex-officio member	Kim Matherne	Executive Director, Economic Stability, DCFS
Designee from Senate Committee on Education	Ex-officio member	Blade Morrish	State Senator, Senate Education Chair
Representative of state agency responsible for programs under Section 619 or Part C of the IDEA Act	Ex-officio member	Brenda Sharp	Program Manager, EarlySteps Central Office, DHH
State Director of the Louisiana Head Start Collaboration Project	Ex-officio member	Kahree Wahid	State Director, Louisiana State Head Start Collaboration Project
Designee of the Louisiana State Fire Marshall	Ex-officio member	Dan Wallis	State Fire Marshal
Director of Maternal and Child Health Program at the Department of Health and Hospitals	Ex-officio member	Amy Zapata	Director, Bureau of Family Health, Louisiana Department of Health