

AUTHORITY/HISTORY

The Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) advises and assists the Louisiana Department of Education with the provision of free and appropriate public education for individuals with disabilities. It exists by authority of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to provide guidance on special education programs and services. Members are appointed by the State Superintendent of Education after being selected from a pool of applicants by a committee that includes one member of the LDOE, one BESE member, and two current members of SEAP. SEAP members serve three-year terms.

2022–2023 MEETING DATES

- Thursday, June 16, 2022 (Retreat)
- Tuesday, September 27, 2022
- Wednesday, November 16, 2022
- Wednesday, January 25, 2023
- Wednesday, March 22, 2023
- Wednesday, June 21, 2023

MEMBERSHIP ROLES

LDOE Staff Coordinator: Meredith Jordan

BESE Member and Panel Co-Chair: Belinda Davis

2022-2023 SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL ROSTER		
Role	Member	Parish
Parent of a child with a disability	Jackie Tisdell	Ascension
Parent of a child with a disability/teacher	Jalaine Price	Ouachita
Parent of a child with a disability	Kristine Hargrave	East Baton Rouge Parish
Parent of a child with a disability	Nicole Flores	Lafayette
Parent of a child with a disability	Dejunne Jackson	East Baton Rouge
Parent of a child with a disability	Brenda Cosse	St. Tammany
Parent of a child with a disability	Tamara Crane	Bossier
Administrator of a program serving students with disabilities	Rachel Lewis	Orleans
Administrator of a program serving students with disabilities/parent	Mike Hill	Calcasieu
Representative of private schools/Administrator of a program serving students with disabilities	Katherine Shea	Orleans
Representative from the state juvenile and adult correctional agency/parent/administrator	Jessica White	Jefferson
Representative of charter schools	Jeffrey Chenier	Orleans
Teacher	Lyndsey Jackson	Jefferson

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL (SEAP)

2022-2023 SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL ROSTER		
Role	Member	Parish
Local education official representing McKinney-Vento Homeless Act/parent	Shayla Hilaire	Orleans
Individual with a disability	Randall Brown	Bossier
Individual with a disability/teacher	Rebecca Beard	West Baton Rouge
Individual with a disability	Henry Brinkmann	East Baton Rouge
Representative of higher education	Gerlinde Beckers	Tangipahoa
State agency responsible for related services/parent	Sylvia Melancon	East Baton Rouge
State agency responsible for related services/parent	Kellie Taylor- White	East Baton Rouge
Representative from state child welfare agency for foster care	LaTrese LeCour	Ascension
Representative of vocational, community, or business providing transition/administrator	Jasmine Williams	Livingston
Teacher/parent	Christi Gonzales	St. Mary