

**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.

**2017 - 2018 MEETING DATES**

- Wednesday, September 27, 2017
- Wednesday, November 15, 2017
- Wednesday, January 24, 2018
- Wednesday, March 28, 2018

**MEMBERSHIP ROLES**

**LDOE Staff Coordinator:** Jamie Wong

**BESE Member and Panel Co-Chair:** Sandy Holloway

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL ROSTER		
Role	Member	Parish
Panel Co-Chair; Parent of a child with a disability	Patsy White	St. Charles
Parent of a child with a disability	Donna Reno	Tangipahoa
Parent of a child with a disability	Melvin Porter	Caddo
Parent of a child with a disability	Laura Nata	Jefferson
Parent of a child with a disability	Tamara Cannon	Tangipahoa
Parent of a child with a disability	Brenda Cosse	St. Tammany
Parent of a child with a disability	Jackie Tisdell	Ascension
Administrator of a program serving students with disabilities	Cheremie Kerth	St. Bernard
Administrator of a program serving students with disabilities/parent	Carla Parrie	Sabine
Representative of private schools/parent	RaeNell Houston	Plaquemines
Representative from the state juvenile and adult correctional agency	Carolyn McGee	East Baton Rouge
Representative of charter schools	Andrea Bond	Orleans
Teacher	Joshua Underwood	Calcasieu
Teacher	Lyndsey Jackson	Jefferson

<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL ROSTER</b>		
<b>Role</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Parish</b>
Local education official representing McKinney-Vento Homeless Act/parent	Pittre Walker	Caddo
Individual with a disability	Lynette Fontenot	Lafayette
Individual with a disability	Kelly Boyter	Bossier
Individual with a disability	Henry Brinkmann	East Baton Rouge
Representative of higher education	Reita Wilson	Lafayette
State agency responsible for related services	Mark Martin	East Baton Rouge
State agency responsible for related services	Sylvia Melancon	East Baton Rouge
Representative from state child welfare agency for foster care	Toni Buxton	East Baton Rouge
Representative of vocational, community, or business providing transition	Libby Murphy	DeSoto