

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL

October 5, 2016 - Official Minutes

Louisiana Department of Education (LDE)
Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)
Wednesday, October 5, 2016
Minutes

The October 5, 2016 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Ms. Sandy Holloway. Members present were: Ms. Andrea Bond, Ms. Lynette Fontenot, Ms. Sandy Holloway, Dr. Paul Mooney, Ms. Laura Nata, Ms. Rana Ottallah, Ms. Susan Vaughn, Ms. Patsy White, Ms. Bonnie Buckelew, Ms. Pittre Walker, Ms. Kimberlee Gazzolo, Mr. Melvin Porter, Sabrina Langley, Mr. Mark Martin, and Ms. Lyndsey Jackson. Ms. Holly LeFebvre served as a proxy for Ms. Toni Buxton and Ms. Linda Fonger served as a proxy for Amanda Trahan. Ms. Libby Murphy was absent.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education was Jamie Wong, Angela Randal, Hannah Dietrich, Julie Stephenson, and Jessica Baghian.

Public comments were received from Karen Artus, Shawn Fleming, Charlie Michel, and Lee Barrios.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Sandy Holloway.

- 1 On motion of Ms. Vaughn, and seconded by Mr. Martin, the Special Education Advisory Panel approved the minutes of the July 17, 2016 meeting of the Panel.
- 2 On motion of Ms. Jackson, and seconded by Ms. Walker, the Special Education Advisory Panel approved the minutes of the September 16, 2016 retreat.

Jamie Wong and Sandy Holloway provided an overview of the current panel meeting membership.

- 3 On motion of Ms. Gazzolo, and seconded by Ms. Buckelew, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report on panel membership and recommended that the panel consider revisions to the bylaws regarding parent roles and diversity of roles at their retreat in June.

Angela Randall led a discussion on parental involvement in the IDEA monitoring process.

- 4 On motion of Mr. Martin, and seconded by Ms. Bond, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report on parental involvement in the IDEA monitoring process.

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5 On motion of Ms. Buckelew, and seconded by Ms. Ottallah, the Special Education Advisory Panel recommended that the monitoring calendar be posted on the Department website.

6 On motion of Ms. Ottallah, and seconded by Ms. Nata, the Special Education Advisory Panel recommended that local education agencies (LEAs) send a notice of parent focus groups to be disseminated through multiple modalities, including letters, social media, phone calls, etc.

Jamie Wong presented an update on the alignment process for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

7 On motion of Mr. Martin, and seconded by Ms. Gazzolo, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report on the alignment process for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

Julie Stephenson presented an update on teacher preparation policy and support.

8 On motion of Ms. Ottallah, and seconded by Mr. Martin, the Special Education Advisory Panel considered a discussion of teacher preparation policy and support.

9 On motion of Dr. Mooney, and seconded by Ms. Ottallah, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report on teacher preparation policy and support and recommended that the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) delay consideration of this policy, continue to develop policy on teacher certification, and explore the fiscal impact of such changes.

Jessica Baghian presented an update on Louisiana's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) draft framework.

10 On motion of Dr. Mooney, and seconded by Ms. Nata, the Special Education Advisory Panel considered an update on Louisiana's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) draft framework.

11 On motion of Ms. Ottallah, and seconded by Ms. Fontenot, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the update on Louisiana's Every Student Succeeds (ESSA) draft framework, and requested that the panel have a special meeting on ESSA.

12 On motion of Ms. Ottallah, and seconded by Ms. Nata, the Special Education Advisory Panel recommended that future panel meetings take place from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

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- 13 On motion of Ms. Vaughn, and seconded by Ms. Nata, the Special Education Advisory Panel recommended that the certification requirements for Directors of Special Education be considered.
- 14 On motion of Mr. Martin, and seconded by Ms. White, and with no further business to come before the Special Education Advisory Panel, the October 5, 2016 meeting of the panel was adjourned at 12:39 P.M.