SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL
January 25, 2017 – Unofficial Minutes

The January 25, 2017 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Ms. Sandy Holloway. Members present were: Ms. Sandy Holloway, Dr. Paul Mooney, Ms. Rana Ottallah, Ms. Susan Vaughn, Ms. Lyndsey Jackson, Ms. Lynette Fontenot, Ms. Sabrina Landry, Ms. Patsy White, Ms. Amanda Trahan, Ms. Laura Nata, Ms. Kimberlee Gazzolo, Mr. Mark Martin and Ms. Libby Murphy. Ms. Nori Ryland served as a proxy for Ms. Andrea Bond.

Mr. Melvin Porter, Ms. Pittre Walker, Ms. Toni Buxton and Ms. Bonnie Buckelew were absent.

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Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Jamie Wong and Kristi-Jo Preston.

Public comments were received from Shawn Fleming, Linda Fonger and Charlie Michel.

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1 On motion of Ms. Ottallah and seconded by Ms. White, the Special Education Advisory Panel approved the minutes of the November 16, 2016 meeting of the Panel.

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Kristi-Jo Preston provided an update on the Louisiana Annual Performance Report (APR).

2 On motion of Mr. Martin, and seconded by Ms. Jackson, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report on the APR.

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Jamie Wong led a discussion of priority areas of students with disabilities in Louisiana's plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

3 On motion of Ms. Ottallah, and seconded by Ms. Gazzolo, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report on ESSA.

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Jamie Wong led a discussion of priority areas for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funding.

4 On motion of Ms. Fontenot, and seconded by Ms. Ottallah, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report on targeted priority areas for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

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Jamie Wong provided an update on the implementation of the Louisiana Connectors for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

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5 On a motion of Mr. Martin and seconded by Ms. Nata, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report on the Louisiana Connectors for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

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6 On motion of Ms. Ottallah, and seconded by Ms. Nata, the Special Education Advisory Panel recommended that the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) create a work group to review state dyslexia policies and update as necessary.

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7 On motion of Mr. Martin, and seconded by Ms. White, and with no further business to come before the Special Education Advisory Panel, the January 25, 2017 meeting of the panel was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

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