

# Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) Virtual Meeting

MINUTES: September 13, 2022

9:00 am-10:30 am

## Panel Members in attendance (virtual):

Jeana Winter - Chairperson

Lisa Balazs

Jassetta Manning-Jones

Amy Williamson

Volante` Blackman

Jean Marzullo

Todd Tomerline (Vice Chair)

Tranesia Brown

Corrie Merchant

Felicia Carswell

Temeyra McElrath

Tara Cook

Tiffany C. Moore

Pamela Fossett

Lisa Powell

Shakela Ford-Johnson

Graham Sisson

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL DUTIES

### § 300.169 Duties.

The advisory panel must –

- (a) Advise the SEA of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities;
- (b) Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the State regarding the education of children with disabilities;
- (c) Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary under section 618 of the Act;
- (d) Advise the SEA in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under Part B of the Act; and
- (e) Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities.

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## Call to Order - SEAP Chairperson, Jeana Winter

- Welcome.
- Roll Call of members

## Public Comments Read Aloud - SEAP Chairperson, Ms. Jeana Winter

- Public Comment – from John and Nancy Mackiewicz

## SEAP Committee Updates - Membership Committee:

- Welcome new SEAP members: L. Powell, J. Marzullo, and A.Spivey
- The Panel reviewed and approved 3 new parent applications submitted for consideration: V. Blackman, T. C. Moore and T. Cook. The applicants will receive a formal letter of invitation from the ALSDE.
- Membership Term of service ended: A. Williamson, T. Tomerlin, J. Winter and C. Merchant

## Panel Formal Recommendations:

- Adopt A Workload Vs Caseload Model.
- Work with Alabama Hands and Voices working group - an ongoing underserved group of students whose needs have been continually identified to the panel.
- Consider and adopt a formal compensatory educational plan to provide services.
- Consider, develop, and implement a certification made available to general education teachers serving and instructing students with disabilities in general education environments to improve their ability and further their capacity to provide FAPE through quality instruction particularly in math and language arts.

## ALSDE Report

- SEAP Overview – Dr. M. Card
  - Purpose of the Panel §IDEA 300.167
  - Function of the Panel §IDEA 300.169
  - Advisory vs Advocacy
  - Panel Membership §IDEA 300.168
  - Panel Composition, Panel Committees, Panel Officers
  - Recruitment Needed
- ALSDE Updates – Dr. D. Chambers
  - ALSDE presented “Shifting Our Focus” from compliance to results – Dr. D. Chambers

## Final Comments/Adjournment – Jean Winter, SEAP Panel Chairperson