

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING
Montgomery, AL 36116
9 a.m. – Noon
April 9, 2025

ZOOM

Lisa Balazs, Jennifer Blakely, Kameron Carden, Wanda Dial, Jason Fisher, Shanquail Horton, Evandra Jackson, Holly Knott, Jean Marzullo, Carin Mayo, Mercy Pilkington, LaDonna Rudolph, Kate Simmons, Katie Stuart, Richard Templeton, Rebecca Zanolli

NOT PRESENT

Kari Balazs, Allie Cunningham, Valencia Curry, LeAnna Feely, Jane Lamb, Karen McElvy, Ashley McLeroy, Tiffany Moore, Jessica Pelt, Hank Poore, Kathy Poore, Lisa Powell, Danielle Sylvester, Shana Smith, Shenika Weatherly, Tranesia Williams

OTHERS PRESENT

Alabama State Department of Education, ALSDE, Special Education Services (SES) Section Special Education Advisory Panel (Panel) representatives – DaLee Chambers, Latasha Kendrick, Michelle Zeigler, Brian Dunn, Jennifer Burt

Chair Carin Mayo called the meeting to order. LaDonna Rudolph moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 19, 2025; Lisa Balazs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Mayo conducted roll call, welcomed new members, and provided an overview of the advisory panel's purpose and responsibilities.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT SERVICES PRESENTATION:

The ALSDE, Student Assessment Administrator, Tyler Merrell, presented on state-required assessments. Mr. Merrell provided an overview of State Testing:

- ACCESS for ELLs
- Alternate ACCESS for ELLs
- ACAP Alternate
- ACAP Summative
- ACT with Writing
- PreACT Secure
- National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
- ACT WorkKeys (Optional)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment received

ALSDE, SES DIRECTOR'S REPORT: (DaLee Chambers)

Dr. Chambers provided an overview/update on the following:

- Exciting times for the panel
- Transition updates
- Assistive Technology (AT) Lending Library
- UPDATE Special Initiative Grants
- *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B Application*

BREAK

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP (Committee Chair: Lisa Balazs)

- Committee Chair Lisa Balaz's term ends in June
- Committee Chair Lisa Balaz encouraged panel members to consider becoming the chair of the Membership Committee

BYLAWS (Committee Chair: **OPEN**)

Chair Mayo asked the panel to consider becoming the chair of the Bylaws committee

STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (Committee Chair: Katie Stuart)

- The committee met to discuss public comments
- The committee developed a collective response to the public comments

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND DATA (Chair Mayo presented on behalf of Committee Chair: Kameron Carden)

- Dr. Melissa Card and Dr. Kemeche Green have met with the committee multiple times to provide information on SPP/APR indicators
- The committee reviewed the 5 indicators where slippage occurred
- Committee Chair Kameron Carden gave an overview of the committee's recommendations
- Recommendations will be emailed to SEAP Panel members for consideration and comments

OLD BUSINESS: Chair, Carin Mayo

No old business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS: Chair, Carin Mayo

A Chairperson is needed for the Bylaws Committee

PANEL MEMBER or STAKEHOLDER NEWS (Latasha Kendrick)

- Alabama Parent Education Center (APEC) Raising the Standards Conference (Virtual) April 15-17, 2025
- Alabama Educational Technology Conference (AETC) June 18-20, 2025, in Mobile, AL

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PANEL:

No additional questions or comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM.

NEXT MEETING:

August 20, 2025

Location: TBD