

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING
Montgomery, AL 36116
9 a.m. – Noon
December 16, 2025

ZOOM

Kameron Carden, Valencia Curry, Jason Fisher, Shanquail Horton, Evandra Jackson, Holly Knott, Carin Mayo, Aleshia Paige, Mercy Pilkington, LaDonna Rudolph, Kate Simmons, Katie Stuart

NOT PRESENT

Jennifer Blakely, Wanda Dial, LeAnna Feely, Lane Lamb, Jean Marzullo, Keren McElvy, Ashley McLeroy, Tiffany Moore, Jessica Pelt, Hank Poore, Kathy Poore, Lisa Powell, Danielle Sylvester, Shana Smith, Richard Templeton, Shenika Weatherly, Tranesia Williams, Rebecca Zanotti

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, Melissa Card, Kemeche Green, Kimberly Baker, Bernice Rush-Harrison, Jennifer Burt

Chair Carin Mayo called the meeting to order and provided an overview of the advisory panel’s purpose and responsibilities.

Chair Mayo conducted roll call and welcomed the new panel member. Jason Fisher moved to approve the meeting minutes from August 20, 2025; Kate Simmons seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES DATA TEAM PRESENTATION:

The ALSDE Education Administrator, Kemeche Green, and Data Manager, Melissa Card presented on the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report Draft:

- FFY 2024 slippage
- Indicators 4A, 5B, 9, 10, 15, 16
- Solicit feedback regarding slippage reasons

BREAK

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment received

ALSDE, SES DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Dr. DaLee Chambers, ALSDE, SES Program Director, provided an overview/update on the following:

- Appreciation of panel members
- Annual SEAP report will reflect panel recommendations and actions taken in meetings
- Final SEAP report will be shared with Dr. Mackey, then with the public

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP (Committee Chair: **OPEN**)

- Chair Mayo noted that the Committee Chair for the Membership Committee is open
- Panel members were provided with the application of a potential new member to review in advance
- The panel voted unanimously to recommend the new member to Dr. Mackey for appointment
- Current vacancies: Representative of Charter Schools; parents or individuals with disabilities

BYLAWS (Chair Mayo presented on behalf of Committee Chair: Wanda Dial)

- Committee is reviewing bylaws
- A meeting will be scheduled soon

STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (Committee Chair: Katie Stuart)

- The committee met virtually to review the One Percent Waiver Request
- Members discussed the public feedback and proposed responses, including the ALSDE response
- The committee agreed with the proposed responses and did not suggest any changes

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND DATA (Committee Chair: Kameron Carden)

- A meeting will be scheduled soon to review information from today's Data Team presentation

OLD BUSINESS: (Chair, Carin Mayo)

- No old business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS: (Chair, Carin Mayo)

- 2024-2025 Annual Report
- The panel voted unanimously to appoint Mercy Pilkington as SEAP Executive Member Co-Chair

PANEL MEMBER or STAKEHOLDER NEWS (Latasha Kendrick)

- Tasha Harrison-Betts (ADRS) has retired

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PANEL:

No additional questions or comments

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM

NEXT MEETING:

February 18, 2026

Location: TBA