

The State Special Education Advisory Council/Stakeholder Meeting

Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Thursday, May 18, 2023

9:30 am – 9:45 am

Call to Order

Approval of April Minutes

Introduction to NJ-SSEAC

- Dr. Paul Barbato, Chairperson
- Ms. Debora Esposito, Assistant Chairperson

9:45 am – 10:15 am

Office of Special Education Updates

- Dr. Damian Petino, Assistant Director, Office of Special Education

During the following presentations only SSEAC Council Members and Stakeholders can comment in chat.

10:15 am – 11:00 am

*Council Priority Engagement - “**Children’s System of Care – An Overview**” followed by a Q&A*

- Presenter: Nicholas Pecht, Children’s System of Care, NJ Department of Children and Families (DCF)

11:00 am – 11:05 am

Break

11:05 am – 11:45 am

*Office of Special Education Presentation – “**The NEW Local Special Education Profiles**” followed by a Q&A*

- Presenter: Alexandra Pensiero, Federal Reporting and Engagement Specialist

During the following activity NJ-SSEAC Council Members, Internal and External Stakeholders, and members of the public can participate. Once the activity concludes, all public comments will be held until the public portion of the meeting.

11:45 am – 12:30 pm

Council Discussion

- Old Business
 - NJ-SSEAC’s visit to Pennsylvania (April 2023)
- New Business
 - June 8th Meeting, Attendance and Agenda
 - Council Vote: 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule
 - The June NJ-SSEAC meeting will be held as a hybrid event at the LRC Central in Trenton, New Jersey. The event space holds up to 55 people. Council members will have first right to attendance. *Access to the location and virtual links will be posted on the NJ-SSEAC webpage.*

* Due to the virtual nature of the meeting, members of the public are invited to send their statements and concerns to SpEdAdvisoryCouncil@doe.nj.gov prior to the meeting. If requested, members will respond to you at a later time. Written material may be submitted to the Office of Special Education.

- Subcommittee Reports
 - Least Restrictive Environment
 - Recruitment and Retention
 - Mental Health and SWD
 - External Engagement
 - Internal Engagement
- Council Member Announcements
- Stakeholder Announcements

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm

Public Comments*

12:45 pm

End of Public Session (*Council Members are requested to remain online to facilitate breakout sessions for subcommittees*)

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