

The State Special Education Advisory Council/Stakeholder Meeting
Virtually via Microsoft Teams
Thursday, June 8, 2023

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12:45 pm End of Public Session

* 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.