

New Jersey State Special Education Advisory Council

MARCH 21, 2024 AGENDA

In-Person at 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, NJ 08625

This meeting is also available via Microsoft Teams

9:30 am – 9:45 am

Call to Order

Dr. Paul Barbato, Chairperson

Jocelyn Gottlieb, Interim Assistant Chairperson

- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Review of Agenda

9:45 am – 10:05 am

Office of Special Education Standing Updates and Status of 2022-2023 Council Recommendations

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

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

10:05 am – 10:45 am

Spotlight Presentations: Local Education Agencies Supporting Inclusive Preschool Programs (NJPIEP)

Belleville Public Schools

- Michael Vargas, Director of Early Childhood
- Yanelis Cabaleiro, Preschool Master/Instructional Coach

Glassboro Borough School District

- Melanie Sweeney, Principal
- Brad Unick, Preschool Instructional Coach

10:45 am – 10:50 am

Break

10:50 am – 11:30 pm

Introduction to Local Special Education Determinations

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

Dr. Nicole Buten, Assistant Director, Office of Special Education
Alexandra Pensiero, Federal Reporting and Engagement Specialist, Office of Special Education

11:30 pm – 12:00 pm

Council Discussion

- Old Business

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- Debbie Esposito Award in Progress
- [NJ-SSEAC Annual Report 2022-2023](#)
- New Business
 - National State Advisory Panel and Interagency Coordinating Council (SAP/SICC)
 - Subcommittee Report Process
 - [Monthly Meeting Evaluation Form](#)
 - By-Laws for Review (April and May)
 - NJ-SSEAC Terms
 - NJ-SSEAC Annual Evaluation
- Announcements
 - State Resource Advisory (SPAN, DOC, JJC, DVRS, DOH, DCF, McKinney-Vento, etc.)
 - Advisory Council Connections
 - Office of Special Education Connections (LRC, NJPBSIS, NJPIEP, etc.)

12:00 pm – 12:15 pm

Public Comments *

12:15 pm

End of Public Session

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm

Subcommittee Report Breakout Sessions

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