

New Jersey State Special Education Advisory Council

FEBRUARY 20, 2025 AGENDA

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

9:30 am – 9:45 am

Call to Order

Dr. Paul Barbato, Chairperson

Jocelyn Gottlieb, Assistant Chairperson

- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Review of Agenda
- Links Shared During Meetings

9:45 am – 10:15 am

Office of Special Education Standing Updates

Kimberly Murray, Director, Office of Special Education

10:15 am – 10:45 am

Council Discussion

- Old Business
 - January Meeting Reflection
 - Public Comment Follow-Up (January)
 - Resources:
 - Free and Low-Cost Legal Services
 - Dispute Resolution Website
 - Dispute Resolution E-Learning
 - Facilitated IEPs
 - [Dispute Resolution and Findings](#)
- Announcements
 - State Resource Advisory (SPAN, NJSBA, DOC, JJC, DVRS, DOH, DCF, McKinney-Vento, etc.)
 - Advisory Council Connections
- Office of Special Education Connections (LRC, NJPBSIS, NJPIEP, etc.)

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

10:45 am – 11:45 am

NJ Dyslexia Handbook 2024 Update: Aligning to Best Practices in New Jersey Tiered System of Support for Early Literacy (NJTSS-ER)

Deborah Lynam, M.A., NJ Tiered System of Supports–Early Reading; Rutgers University

11:45 am – 11:50 pm

Break

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11:50 pm – 12:25 pm

Indicators 1, 2 and 14: Secondary Success

Dr. Damian Petino, Assistant Director, Office of Special Education, JoAnn Johnson, Transition Specialist, Office of Special Education; Alexandra Pensiero, Federal Reporting and Engagement Specialist, Office of Special Education

12:25 pm – 12:45 pm

Council Discussion

- New Business
 - Appointments, Resignations and Retirements
 - Application Pending: Parent Member
 - Upcoming Meeting Reminders and Topics
 - Determinations Rubric
 - *March (In-Person)* – Achievement for SWD (Indicators 3 and 7); Determinations Rubric; Climate and Culture Presentation; **Council Subcommittee Annual Report Drafts**
 - *April (No Meeting)*
 - *May (Virtual)* – Parent Involvement (Indicator 8); CIT-NJ Updates; 619 Updates; **Council Subcommittee Reports**; Annual Membership Survey
 - *June (In-Person)* – **Director's Response**; Annual NJ-SSEAC Survey Results; 3rd Annual Special Education Celebration
 - Engagement Committee Report and Updates
 - Subcommittee Reports and Updates
 - Education in the Least Restrictive Environment (PreK-2)
 - Quality Instruction (i.e., Early Literacy)
 - Transition (14+)
 - Discipline/Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
 - [Monthly Meeting Evaluation Form](#)

12:45 pm – 1:00 pm

Public Comments *

1:00 pm

End of Public Session

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