

New Jersey State Special Education Advisory Council

JUNE 12, 2025 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, Assistant Chairperson

- Introductions
- Approval of May Minutes
- Review of Agenda

9:45 am – 10:00 am

Office of Special Education Standing Updates

Kimberly Murray, Director, Office of Special Education

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

3rd Annual Special Education Celebration

Opening Remarks:

Dr. Paul Barbato, Council Chairperson

Kimberly Murray, Director, Office of Special Education

10:00 am – 10:30 am

New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) and ASAH's Innovation in Special Education Award

Presenters: Barry Walker, NJSBA Vice President for County Meetings; Irene LeFebvre, Co-Chairperson, NJSBA Special Education Committee; Lisa Miller, Co-Chairperson, NJSBA Special Education Committee; Brian Detlefsen, Board of Trustees President, ASAH; John Mulholland, Executive Director, ASAH; Lori Perlow, Interim Chief Public Affairs Officer, NJSBA

Awardees:

Center for Education

The Center for Agriculture

Lebanon Township School District

Caught Being Kind

South Bergen Jointure Commission

Yoga and Mindfulness

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- 10:30 am – 10:40 am** **2nd Annual Autism Acceptance Virtual Art Expo**
Dr. Amanda Philp, Autism Specialist, Office of Special Education
- 10:40 am – 11:10 am** **“Dare to Dream” for Students with Disabilities**
Bill Freeman, State Coordinator of Secondary Transition, Office of Special Education; Lisa Augliera, Youth Development Coordinator, NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders
Student Spotlight:
Ryder Pollack
Marlene Brockington
Birgitta Pottle
Timothy Frazier
- 11:10 am – 11:30 am** **SPAN Parent Advocacy Network’s “Debbie Esposito: School and Family Partnership Award”**
Carolyn Hayer, Executive Director, SPAN Parent Advocacy Network; Peg Kinsell, Policy Director, SPAN Parent Advocacy Network
Awardees:
Jacquelyn Rochacewicz, Parent (SEPAG) Co-Chair, Washington Township Schools; Sarah Cipolletti, Parent (SEPAG) Co-Chair, Washington Township Schools
Acknowledgement:
Antonella Lind, Superintendent, Washington Township Board of Education; Denise Scairpon, Director of Special Education, Washington Township Board of Education
- 11:30 am – 11:40 am** **New Jersey Pathways for Post-Secondary Success Logo Contest**
Dr. Damian Petino, Project Director, Office of Special Education; JoAnn Johnson, Transition Specialist, Office of Special Education
Awardee:

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Pinelands Regional School District (Student)

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Closing Remarks:

Jocelyn Gottlieb, Council Interim Assistant Chairperson

11:40 am – 11:50 am

Break

11:50 am – 12:15 pm

Director Updates and Response to Council Reports and Recommendations

Kimberly Murray, Director, Office of Special Education

12:15 pm – 12:45 pm

Council Discussion

- Old Business
 - [Dispute Resolution and Findings](#)
- New Business
 - Council Vote: By-Law Amendments
 - 2024-2025 NJ-SSEAC Meeting Calendar
 - NJ-SSEAC Annual Survey Findings
 - Engagement Committee Annual Report
 - A Message from the Chairperson
- 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.)

12:45 pm – 1:00 pm

Public Comments *

1:00 pm

End of Public Session

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