

# *New Jersey State Special Education Advisory Council*

## **APRIL 16, 2026 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 March Minutes
- Review of Agenda
- Links Shared During Meetings

**9:45 am – 10:05 am**

### **Office of Special Education Standing Updates**

Designee, Office of Special Education

**10:05 am – 10:20 am**

### **Council Discussion**

- Old Business
  - [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.*

**10:20 am – 11:20 am**

### ***Standing Updates and Program Spotlight: Local Education Agency (LEA) Special Education Monitoring Process, and Targeted Reviews: Indicators 4A/4B, 11, 12, and 13***

Presenters: Yasmin Burrell, Coordinator of Special Education Monitoring, Office of Special Education; Tricia Fair, Coordinator of Special Education Monitoring, Office of Special Education; Dr. Talesha Grubbs, Monitor, Office of Special Education; Ashley Pichardo, Monitor, Office of Special Education; Dr. Vickie Marcheski, Monitor and Indicator 4A/B Lead, Office of Special Education; Owen Buchanan, Monitor and Indicator 11 Lead, Office of Special Education; Iris DeVaughn, Monitor and Indicator 12 Lead, Office of Special Education; Katie Fallon, Monitor and Indicator 13 Lead, Office of Special Education

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11:20 am – 11:40 am

**Project Spotlight: Autism Acceptance and Updates from the Office of Special Education**

Dr. Amanda Philp, Coordinator of New Jersey Special Education Autism Programs, Office of Special Education;  
Kaitlin Eberhardt, Autism Specialist, Office of Special Education

11:40 am – 12:00 pm

**Council Discussion**

- New Business
  - Annual Membership Evaluation (Deadline: May 21, 2026)
  - Application Period and Process for Upcoming Vacancies (Anticipated Release: April 29, 2026; Application Deadline: May 15, 2026)
  - Subcommittee Draft Reports (Due via Email to the Executive Board by April 24, 2026)
    - Presentation Slides (Draft): April 27, 2026 (from Ad Hoc)
    - Subcommittee edits due by May 1, 2026
    - Council members will receive presentations by May 6, 2026 (15-day review)
    - Formal Consideration and Approval (May 21, 2026)
  - Upcoming Meeting Reminders and Topics
  - Subcommittee Updates
    - Priority 1: Least Restrictive Environment
    - Priority 2: Family Engagement
    - Priority 3: Tiered Systems of Support for Behavior and Early Literacy
    - Priority 4: Special Education Student Outcomes
- Recent Broadcasts
  - [2026-2027 New Teacher Academy Professional Learning Communities](#)
  - [K-3 Parent and Family Resources](#)
  - [Third Annual Autism Acceptance Virtual Art Expo: Autism in Action](#)
  - MHANJ: [Raising Mental Health Awareness by Lighting Up Green for May, Mental Health Month](#)
  - [Guidance on the Requirement to Appoint a School Physician for the Provision of Health Services](#)
  - [Kindergarten Professional Development Video Resources](#)

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- [Update regarding the Provision of Home Instruction](#)
- [Updated Requirements for Training School Staff in the Care of Students with Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders](#)
- [Call for Applications for Person-Centered Approaches in Schools and Transition \(PCAST\)](#)
  - *Deadline: April 30, 2026*
- [All Voices, One Vision: Partnering with Students, Families, and Communities for School Mental Health](#)
  - *Deadline: April 28, 2026*
- [List of State-Imposed Special Education Rules, Regulations, or Policies](#)
- [Criminal History and School Bus Safety Training Program](#)
- [Lessons from the Field Webinar Series: Autism Program Quality Indicators-Revised \(APQI-R\)](#)
- [Office of Grants Management webpage](#)
- [Updates for the 2025-2026 NJSLEDS Course Roster Submission](#)
- [School District and School HIB Grades Required by the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act](#)
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- [2025-2026 Application for Extraordinary Special Education Aid \(EXAID\)](#)

**12:00 pm – 12:15 pm**

**Public Comments \***

**12:15 pm**

**End of Public Session**

*Council members shall remain on the meeting for subcommittee breakout discussions and annual report development. Council members are asked to remain on the meeting until 1:00 pm.*

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