

# **New Jersey State Special Education Advisory Council**

**JANUARY 15, 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 October Minutes
- Review of Agenda
- Links Shared During Meetings

**9:45 am – 10:05 am**

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

Dr. Kimberly Murray, Director, 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 – 11:00 am**

## **Subcommittee Request: All In Project Spotlight – New Jersey Inclusion Project**

Michelle Gardner, *Interim Chief Executive Officer*, New Jersey All In and the New Jersey Inclusion Project (NJIP)

**11:00 am – 11:05 am**

## **Break**

**11:05 am – 12:15 pm**

## **Standing Updates: Indicator 5 and 6 – Least Restrictive Environment and Current Initiatives**

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

Dr. Alexandra Pensiero, Coordinator of Federal and Local Special Education Reporting, Office of Special Education

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Dr. Eileen Osieja, LRE Facilitator, Office of Special Education

Jennifer Nicosia, State Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator (619), Office of Special Education

Wendy Eufemia, State Coordinator of Deaf Education, Office of Special Education

**12:15 pm – 12:45 pm**

**Council Discussion**

- New Business
  - 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
  - Subcommittee Next-Steps and Best-Practices – Annual Reporting Process

**12:454 pm – 1:00 pm**

**Public Comments \***

**1:00 pm**

**End of Public Session**

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