

New Jersey State Special Education Advisory Council

JUNE 11, 2026 AGENDA

In-Person for Council Members *only* at 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, NJ 08625
This meeting is also available via Microsoft Teams to members of the public.

9:00 am – 9:10 am

Call to Order

Dr. Paul Barbato, Chairperson

Jocelyn Gottlieb, Interim Assistant Chairperson

- Introductions
- Approval of May Minutes
- Review of Agenda

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

9:10 am – 9:25 am

Office of Special Education Ombudsman Report

Tracy Gillespie, Special Education Ombudsman, Office of Special Education

9:25 am – 9:40 am

Program Spotlight: Learning Resource Center Network

Dr. Chinwe Osondu, Assistant Director, Office of Special Education

9:40 am – 10:15 am

Council Discussion

- Old Business
 - [Dispute Resolution and Findings](#)
- New Business
 - Response to Council Reports and Recommendations
 - Presented by: Dr. Chinwe Osondu and Dr. Damian Petino, Assistant Directors, Office of Special Education
 - 2026-2027 NJ-SSEAC Meeting Calendar
 - NJ-SSEAC Annual Survey Findings
- Announcements and Advisory Council Connections
 - State Resource Advisory (SPAN, DOC, JJC, DVRS, DOH, DCF, McKinney-Vento, etc.)

10:15 am – 10:30 am

Public Comment*

10:30 am

End of Public Session

** Due to the hybrid nature of the meeting, members of the public are invited to send their statements and concerns to SpEdAdvisoryCouncil@doe.nj.gov prior to the meeting. If requested, members will respond to you at a later time. Written material may be submitted to the Office of Special Education.*

4th Annual Special Education Celebration Awards*

Opening Remarks:

Dr. Paul Barbato, Council Chairperson

Emcee(s): Jocelyn Gottlieb, Vice Chairperson, and Damian Petino, Assistant Director

**Due to the capacity of the facility, in-person attendance is designated for those who are a participant or awardee. All other members of the public may view the ceremony via the Microsoft TEAMS link available on the NJ-SSEAC website.*

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