New Jersey State Special Education Advisory Council

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 AGENDA

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

9:30 am - 9:45 am Call to Order

Dr. Paul Barbato, Chairperson Jocelyn Gottlieb, Assistant Chairperson

- 2025 NJ-SSEAC Theme
- Introductions
- Approval of June Minutes
- Review of Agenda
- Links Shared During Meetings

9:45 am – 10:15 am Office of Special Education Standing Updates

Dr. Kimberly Murray, Director, Office of Special Education

10:15 am - 10:30 am Council Discussion

- Old Business
 - Council Deadline for Submissions (headshots, bios, and contact information): September 30th
 - o Dispute Resolution and Findings
 - Monthly Meeting Evaluation Form
- 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.

10:30 am – 11:00 am

How the Assistive Technology Center at The College of New Jersey Supports School Districts in New Jersey (TCNJ-AT)

Madison Bronstein, M.S. CCC-SLP, Assistive Technology and Accessibility Specialist

Vanessa Lombardo, M. Ed., Director of the Assistive Technology Center

Dr. Sarah Monaco, Project Manager Co-Lead

11:00 am - 11:05 am Break

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11:05 am - 11:35 am

What's New? An Overview of the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR), Local Special Education Profiles and Determinations

Dr. Damian Petino, Assistant Director, Office of Special Education; Dr. Alexandra Pensiero, Coordinator of Federal and Local Reporting, Office of Special Education

11:35 am - 12:15 pm

Council Discussion

- New Business
 - o Request to Open By-Laws Council Vote
 - o Appointments, Resignations and Retirements
 - Four (4) new members appointed at the September State Board of Education Meeting
 - Four (4) new state resource members and two
 (2) new state represented organizations
 - Upcoming Meeting Reminders and Topics
 - Engagement and By-Law Committees
 - Subcommittee Workplan Presentations and Approvals
 - 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

12:15 pm – 12:30 pm

Public Comments *

12:30 pm

End of Public Session

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

Priority Subcommittee Breakout Groups

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