

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

Minutes – Official

The meeting of the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) was called to order at 9:07 A.M. Members present were: Dr. Donna Alleman, Ms. Cindy Arceneaux, Ms. Holly Boffy, Mr. Reginald Browhow, Ms. Bonnie Buckelew, Dr. Elizabeth Marcell, Ms. Rana Ottallah, Ms. April Taylor, Ms. Susan Vaughn, Ms. Pittre Walker, and Ms. Patsy White. Ms. Avis Brown served as a proxy for Mr. Mark S. Martin.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Bridget Devlin, Stephen Osborn, and Leslie Lightbourne.

Public comments were received from Christy Cormier (LaTEACH), Shawn Fleming (La. Development Disabilities Council), and Larry Gage (Vermillion Parish).

The meeting was called to order by co-chair, Ms. Cindy Arceneaux.

Ms. Arceneaux made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the February 8, 2013 Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) meeting. The Committee's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Dr. Marcell, and seconded by Ms. White, the Special Education Advisory Panel approved the minutes of the February 8, 2013 meeting of the Panel.

Stephen Osborn reported on the 2012-2013 Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Budget, including an itemization of IDEA distributions to districts and schools.

- 2 On motion of Dr. Marcell, and seconded by Ms. Walker, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report regarding the 2012-2013 individuals with Disabilities Act Budget.

Bridget Devlin reported on the policy development regarding the elimination of the state's two percent alternate assessment (LAA 2) from the accountability formula and led a discussion on the what role the LAA 2 assessment should play in student promotion and graduation after the transition.

- 3 On motion of Ms. Walker, and seconded by Ms. Ottallah, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report on the state's LAA 2 transition.

- 4 On motion of Ms. Vaughn, and seconded by Ms. Buckelew, and with no further business to come before the Special Education Advisory Panel, the March 27, 2013 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Panel was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.