

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

Friday, June 7, 2013

Minutes – Official

The meeting of the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) was called to order at 9:02 A.M. Members present were: Ms. Cindy Arceneaux, Ms. Holly Boffy, Ms. Rickii Ainey, Mr. Reginald Browhow, Ms. Bonnie Buckelew, Ms. Kimberlee Gazzolo, Dr. Elizabeth Marcell, Ms. Rana Ottalah, Ms. April Taylor, Ms. Susan Vaughn, Ms. Patsy White, and Ms. Ramona Wynder.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Jessica Baghian, Bernell Cook, Bridget Devlin, and Stephen Osborn.

Public comments were received from Christy Cormier, Shawn Fleming (Louisiana Development Disabilities Council), Sherri Houin, Allison LeBlanc, and Bambi Polotzola.

The meeting was called to order by co-chair, Ms. Holly Boffy.

Ms. Boffy made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2013 Special Education Advisory Panel meeting. The Committee's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Ms. Buckelew, and seconded by Ms. Ottalah, the Special Education Advisory Panel approved the minutes of the March 27, 2013 meeting of the Panel.

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Bridget Devlin reported on proposed revisions to the LAA 2 promotion policy.

- 2 On motion of Ms. Gazzolo, and seconded by Ms. Vaughn, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report regarding proposed revisions to the LAA 2 promotion policy, and requested that the Department defer the submission of the policy proposal to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) until the August 2013 BESE meeting, clarify the summer remediation definition within the policy, and provide guidance to parents and LEAs regarding the implementation of the policy after approval by BESE.

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Jessica Baghian reported on the Louisiana Diploma Pathway Transition.

- 3 On motion of Ms. Ottalah, and seconded by Ms. White, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report on the Louisiana Diploma Pathway Transition, and requested that the Department continue to keep the panel informed regarding the discussion on diplomas.

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Stephen Osborn reported on the 2013-2014 State Performance Plan.

- 4 On motion of Ms. Gazzolo, and seconded by Dr. Marcell, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report on the 2013-2014 State Performance Plan, and requested that the Department present the recommendations of the State Performance Plan Work Group to the Special Education Advisory Panel in the Fall of 2013.

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Stephen Osborn reported on the 2013-2014 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) State-Level budget.

- 5 On motion of Ms. Vaughn, and seconded by Ms. White, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report on the 2013-2014 IDEA State-Level budget, and requested that the Department reconsider the amount of money allocated to Assistive Technology.

A roll-call vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Arceneaux, Mr. Browhow, Ms. Buckelew, Ms. Gazzolo, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Vaughn, Ms. White, and Ms. Wynder

Nays: Dr. Marcell and Ms. Ottalah

Abstentions: Ms. Boffy and Ms. Ainey

Absences: Dr. Alleman, Ms. Fairchild, Dr. Hodnett, Mr. Martin, Ms. Trahan Sonnier, and Ms. Walker

The motion passed.

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- 6 On motion of Ms. Ottalah, and seconded by Ms. Ainey, and with no further business to come before the Special Education Advisory Panel, the June 7, 2013 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Panel was adjourned at 11:54 A.M.