

Special Education Advisory Panel

Authority/History

The Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) advises and assists the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) with the provision of free and appropriate public education for individuals with disabilities. It exists by authority of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to provide guidance on special education programs and services. Members are appointed by the State Superintendent of Education after being selected from a pool of applicants by a committee that includes one member of the LDOE, one BESE member, and two current members of SEAP. SEAP members agree to serve three-year terms.

Meeting Dates

SEAP meetings will be held on the following dates:

- July 31, 2024
- September 25, 2024
- November 12, 2024
- January 22, 2025
- March 26, 2025
- June 18, 2025

Membership

| Member | Role | Parish |
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| Simone Champagne | BESE Co-Chair | Member-at-Large |
| Meredith Jordan | LDOE Staff Coordinator | LDOE |
| Dr. Donna Reno | Parent/Teacher/Administrator of a program for children with disabilities | Tangipahoa |
| Ashley McReynolds | Parent/Representative of an organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities. | East Baton Rouge |
| Dejunne' Clark Jackson | Parent | East Baton Rouge |
| Julia Tanner | Parent | Lafayette |
| Caroline Jurisich | Parent/Representative of an organization concerned with the provision of transition services | Lafayette |
| Danielle Poret | Parent | East Baton Rouge |
| Angela Myles | Parent | Caddo |
| Rebecca Beard | Individual with a Disability/Teacher | West Baton Rouge |
| Christi Gonzales | Teacher/Parent | St. Mary |
| Dr. Jeremy Bell | Representative of higher education | Webster |
| Rebecca Huff | Education official/ Parent | Franklin |
| Alvado Willis | Administrator of a program for students with disabilities | St. Landry |
| Dr. Sally-Rose Gaglione | Representative of private school/Individual with a disability/ Teacher | St. Charles |
| Jessica White | Representative of state juvenile or adult corrections/ Parent/ Administrator of a program for children with disabilities | East Baton Rouge |
| Melissa Bayham | Representative of vocational, community or business organization providing transition services | West Baton Rouge |
| Brandi Huling | Education official/Administrator of program for children with disabilities/Representative of a public charter | Orleans |

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| Latrese Lecour | Representative from state child welfare agency responsible for foster care | Ascension |
| Erin Downing | Representative from another agency related services | East Baton Rouge |
| Michael Thompson | Administrator of a program for children with disabilities/Representative of a vocational, community or business organization concerned with provision of transition services | Rapides |