

Office of Teaching and Learning/Diverse Learners

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 17, 2024
- November 12, 2024
- January 22, 2025
- March 26, 2025
- June 18, 2025

Membership

LDOE Staff Coordinator - Meredith Jordan

Member	Role	Parish
Simone Champagne	BESE Co-Chair	Member-at-Large
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

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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
Kristine Hargrave	Parent/Administrator of a program for students with disabilities	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
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