



Michigan's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Regular Business Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order

Stacie Rulison (SEAC Co-Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Lois Lofton Doniver moved, seconded by Sarah Winslow that the SEAC approve the March 2, 2022 meeting minutes. A vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Andrea Beachnau moved, seconded by Beth Kohler that the SEAC approve the April 6, 2022 meeting agenda. A vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report by Stacie Rulison

Ms. Rulison highlighted the norms of the group and then introduced this month's highlighted members. Today's focus will be on the three SEAC priorities and creating recommendations for each. She additionally noted the purpose and outcomes of the meeting including Functions 1 and 6.

Due Process of Rebecca McIntyre, Interim Deputy Director, Office of Special Education (OSE)

Ms. McIntyre shared preliminary information about Manifestation Determination Reviews (MDRs) and presented the facts and overview of the case with SEAC membership. Members will have an opportunity for discussion, questions and recommendations next month.



Personal Curriculum Self-Assessment Survey by Rachell Bowerman, Educational Consultant, Michigan Department of Education (MDE)

Ms. Bowerman provided an overview of the Personal Curriculum self-assessment survey available to ISDs and member districts in addition to providing a review of a basic understanding of personal curriculum in general and special education specifically.

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Breakout Groups – Priority 1

SEAC membership formed breakout groups for discussion, feedback and recommendations regarding Priority 1 – Understand and develop advice regarding viable, additional diploma track options which will in turn improve graduation rates for special education students while also providing options for those at risk of dropping out.

Legislative Update by Dr. Sheryl Kennedy, MDE Legislative Liaison

Dr. Kennedy provided an overview of the following bills that relate to special education in Michigan:

- SB 380 - Special Education (Irwin) provides screenings of students for characteristics of dyslexia and follow-up supports.
- SB 381 - (Theis) Teacher Preparation Institutions must provide a course in the science of reading.



- SB 382 (Polehanki) - requires reading credit requirements for recertification for teachers of reading.
- SB 383 (Runestad) - The bill would create a dyslexia advisory committee to MDE.
- HB 5934 - Dyslexia Prescreening, HB 5935 - Dyslexia Resources, HB 5936 - Teacher Preparation, HB 5937 - Teacher Certification.
- HB 5777 - Requires parents to identify the mode of communication for early language development screening.

Breakout Groups – Priority 2

SEAC membership formed breakout groups for discussion, feedback and recommendations regarding priority 2 – Discover and share practical solutions to obtaining and retaining special education teachers, paraprofessionals and ancillary staff which work for all schools regardless of economic status.

Update by Leah Porter, Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY)

Ms. Porter provided an update on the impact the pandemic and the teacher shortage are having on students, detailing the intensive and individual supports provided to the most vulnerable learners.

Operating Procedures Q&A by Stacie Rulison and Roll Call vote by Aaron Darling

Ms. Rulison offered a time of questions and answers regarding the proposed Operating Procedures to address any questions or clarifications prior to the vote. Mr. Darling provided instructions for the roll call vote utilizing SurveyMonkey to record and tally votes.

Vote to accept rewriting of SEAC Operating Procedures passed by unanimous vote.

Sharing & Wrap-Up by Teri Pettit and Stacie Rulison

May Forecast – Wednesday, May 4 – Indicator 2, LRE Review, 2022-23 Priorities



Nominations for Executive Committee 2022-23

SCECHs & Survey links in chat box

Adjourned

Charlie Hollerith moved, seconded by Lois Lofton Doniver, that the SEAC business meeting be adjourned at 11:56 AM. A vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Attendance

Attendance code: A = Absent, AA = Alternate Attended, E = Left Early, F = Family Issue, H = Health, J = Job Conflict, N = absent no reason, O = Other, P = Present, T = Telephone, V = Visitor, W = Weather

**Defined member

Delegate	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 4/6/22
Barto, Amy	Learning Disability Association of Michigan (LDAM)	P
Beachnau, Andrea**	Arc Michigan, The	P
Brandt, Eileen**	Michigan Transition Services Association (MTSA)	A-AA
Bush, Candi	Michigan Council for Exceptional Children (MCEC)	P
Diepstra, Stephene**	Michigan Association of School Social Workers (MASSW)	A-N
Hollerith, Charlie**	Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP)	P
Krause, Kathy	Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (MANS)	P
Martin, Lakeya**	Student Advocacy Center of Michigan (SAC)	A-N



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Mills, Katherine**	Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan (DSAWM)	P
Moore, Kathleen	Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)	P
Nettleton, Angela	Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (MASA)	P
Pegg, Robin	Michigan Occupational Therapy Association (MiOTA)	A-N
Richter, Theresa**	Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA)	P
Rulison, Stacie**	Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF)	P
Smith, Brett	Michigan Education Association (MEA)	P
Smith, Matthew	Michigan Association of School Psychologists (MASP)	P
TBA	American Federation of Teachers Michigan (AFT)	NA
TBA	Michigan Association of Supervision & Curriculum Development (ASCD)	NA
Thelen, Cassie**	Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA)	P
Upton, Jennifer**	Autism Society of Michigan (ASM)	A-N
Vander Baan, Sarah	Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA)	A-F
Winslow, Sarah**	Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE)	P
Wirth, Alyssa	Michigan Speech Language Hearing Association (MSHA)	P



Member at Large	Membership	Code(s) 4/6/22
Datta, Nayana	Defined	P
Eckner, Heather**	Defined	P
Herman, Kimberly**	Defined	A-F
Kohler, Beth	Non-Defined	P
Love, Kimberly	Non-Defined	P
Martinez, Victoria**	Defined	A
Melton, Tonya**	Defined	A
Van Neste, Cindy	Reserve Non-Defined	P
Vasquez, Lizette	Reserve Defined	P
Willard, Erica**	Defined	P

Ex-Officio	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 4/6/22
Bodell, Belle	Michigan Department of Corrections	P
Case, Donna	Former SEAC Chair	P
George, Pamela	Michigan Educator Preparation Institutions	P
Hirst, Jennifer	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services – Michigan Rehabilitation Services	P
Porter, Leah	Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY), Office of Educator Excellence	P
Rink, Teri, Ed.S.	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education	A-AA
Rossi, Ann	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services - Education & Youth Services, Child Welfare Policy & Programs	A-N



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Simms, Michelle	Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors (CMTED)	A-N
Thomas, James, Dr.**	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services – Juvenile Justice	A-AA
Timbs, Janet	Michigan Department of Education - Early On	P
Wasacz, Lisa	Michigan Department of Education - 619 Preschool Education	P
Williams, Michelle	Michigan Department of Education, Office of Educational Supports, Special Populations Unit, McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program	A-AA

Alternate	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 4/6/22
Charbeneau, Katie	Michigan Association of School Psychologists (MASP)	A
Coles-White, D'Jaris	Michigan Speech Language Hearing Association (MSHA)	A
Dill, Amanda**	Michigan Association of School Social Workers (MASSW)	A
Fines, Carrie	Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP)	A
Gabel, Susan, Ed.D.**	Michigan Educator Preparation Institutions	A
Gates, Adrienne	Michigan Department of Corrections	P
Harper, Kenya**	Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF)	P
Hart, Cara**	Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA)	P
Houde, Debra	Learning Disability Association of Michigan (LDAM)	A



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Krefeld-Freier, Krista	Michigan Transition Services Association (MTSA)	P
Kuipers, Mark	Michigan Department of Education - 619 Preschool Education	P
Littleton, Kanika**	Arc Michigan, The	P
Lofton-Doniver, Lois	American Federation of Teachers Michigan (AFT)	P
McIntyre, Rebecca	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education	P
Mileski, Terri, Dr.	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services – Juvenile Justice	P
Murphy-Smith, Ben	Student Advocacy Center of Michigan (SAC)	A
Myers, Don	Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)	A
O'Connor, Colleen	Michigan Department of Education - Early On	P
Orris, Sarah	Michigan Department of Education, Office of Educational Supports, Special Populations Unit, McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program	P
Patel, Shailee**	Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE)	P
Primus, Kim	Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (MANS)	A
Riley, Scott	Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (MASA)	A
Robie, Shalika	Michigan Council for Exceptional Children (MCEC)	A



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Sharp, Christina	Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors (CMTED)	A
Sladewski, Anne-Marie	Michigan Association of Supervision & Curriculum Development (ASCD)	A
Spanski, Nancy**	Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan (DSAWM)	P
TBA	Autism Society of Michigan (ASM)	NA
TBA	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services - Education & Youth Services, Child Welfare Policy & Programs	NA
TBA	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services – Michigan Rehabilitation Services	NA
TBA	Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA)	NA
TBA	Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY), Office of Educator Excellence	NA
Tibbs, Karen	Michigan Occupational Therapy Association (MiOTA)	P
White, Christopher, Dr.	Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA)	A

OSE Support	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 4/6/22
Darling, Aaron (Tech support)	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	P
Pettit, Teri, Ed. S. (Facilitator)	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	P



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Reed, Ashley (SCECH, Reimbursement)	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	P

Visitors	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 4/6/22
Anderson Tippett, Jeanne	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	P
Behrendt, Carly	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	P
Park, Sara	NA	P
Rutledge, Heather	Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP) potential member	P
Shayter, Ashley	Autism Alliance of Michigan	P