



Michigan's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Regular Business Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order

Sarah Vander Baan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Kathy Krause moved, seconded by Kathleen Moore that the SEAC approve the February 2, 2022 meeting minutes. A vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Stacie Rulison moved, seconded by Andrea Beachnau that the SEAC approve the March 2, 2022 meeting agenda. A vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report by Sarah Vander Baan

Ms. Vander Baan highlighted the norms of the group and then introduced this month's highlighted members. Today's focus will be teacher recruitment and retention from the federal to the local level. She additionally noted the purpose and outcomes of the meeting including Functions 1 and 5.

National Efforts Regarding Teacher Recruitment and Retention by Laurie VanderPloeg, Former Director, US Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)

Laurie VanderPloeg provided information regarding building and sustaining an effective and diverse workforce, which focused on supports for children with disabilities including:



- American Rescue Plan Funding
- US Department of Education Effective Strategies
- Attract, Prepare and Retain Strategies
- Rethink, Reimagine, Results

State Efforts Regarding Teacher Recruitment and Retention by Leah Breen, Director, MDE Office of Educator Excellence (OEE)

Leah Breen provided information regarding addressing the educator shortage in Michigan including:

- Proud MI Educator Campaign
- Grow Your Own Programs and Grant
- Reciprocity and Retention
- Experimental Preparation Programs
- Alternative Route Programs
- Educator Workforce Data Report 2021

Tying It Together for SEAC Priority #2 by Rebecca McIntyre, Interim Deputy Director, MDE Office of Special Education (OSE)

Rebecca McIntyre provided an overview of items specific to flexibilities, waivers, and initiatives specific to teacher retention and recruitment in Michigan special education including:

- Waiver options for school social work and autism spectrum disorder, and special education teacher endorsements
- Experimental programs at Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw ISD, Oakland ISD and Central Michigan University
- Alternate Route programs
- Tuition reimbursement grant
- School Psychologists as referenced in IDEA



OSE Update by Teri Rink, Director, Office of Special Education

Teri Rink provided information regarding the latest updates, upcoming guidance and future learning including:

- Contingency Learning Plan (CLP) guidance reminder coming soon
- Path Forward Steering Committee work has resumed
- IDEA Part B Obligations regarding Public agencies & private schools
- Required Members of the IEP Team
- Least Restrictive Environment requirements found in IDEA
- Continuum of Alternative Placements
- State Obligations
- Update from the MI office of the State Employer

Organizational Presentations by Teri Pettit, SEAC Facilitator

The following organizations provided an overview presentation, and/or written information, to the SEAC for consideration for an open seat:

- Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP)
- Michigan School Counselor Association (MSCA)
- Detroit Parent Network

OSE Due Process Flow Charts of Rebecca McIntyre, Interim Deputy Director, OSE

Ms. McIntyre shared the latest OSE guidance on the complaints process and accompanying flow charts.

Sharing & Wrap-Up by Teri Pettit and Sarah Vander Baan

April Forecast – Wednesday, April 6 – Due Process, Workgroups, Suggestions from whom you represent regarding 3 annual priorities

SCECHs link in chat box



Adjourned

Lois Lofton-Doniver moved, seconded by Eileen Brandt that the SEAC business meeting be adjourned at 12:02 PM. 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) 3/2/22
Barto, Amy	Learning Disability Association of Michigan (LDAM)	P
Beachnau, Andrea**	Arc Michigan, The	P
Brandt, Eileen**	Michigan Transition Services Association (MTSA)	P
Bush, Candi	Michigan Council for Exceptional Children (MCEC)	A-AA
Diepstra, Stephene**	Michigan Association of School Social Workers (MASSW)	P
Hollerith, Charlie**	Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP)	A-J
Krause, Kathy	Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (MANS)	P
Martin, Lakeya**	Student Advocacy Center of Michigan (SAC)	A-N
Mills, Katherine**	Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan (DSAWM)	P
Moore, Kathleen	Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)	P



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Nettleton, Angela	Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (MASA)	A-AA
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)	A
TBA	Michigan Association of Supervision & Curriculum Development (ASCD)	A
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)	P
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) 3/2/22
Datta, Nayana	Defined	A
Eckner, Heather**	Defined	A



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Herman, Kimberly**	Defined	P
Kohler, Beth	Non-Defined	P
Love, Kimberly	Non-Defined	P
Martinez, Victoria**	Defined	P
Melton, Tonya**	Defined	A
Van Neste, Cindy	Reserve Non-Defined	P
Vasquez, Lizette	Reserve Defined	P
Willard, Erica**	Defined	A

Ex-Officio	Organization / Agency	Code(s) 3/2/22
Bodell, Belle	Michigan Department of Corrections	A-AA
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	P
Rossi, Ann	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services - Education & Youth Services, Child Welfare Policy & Programs	P
Simms, Michelle	Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors (CMTED)	P



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Thomas, James, Dr.**	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services – Juvenile Justice	P
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	P

Alternate	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 3/2/22
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	P
Gates, Adrienne	Michigan Department of Corrections	P
Harper, Kenya**	Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF)	P
Hart, Cara**	Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA)	A
Houde, Debra	Learning Disability Association of Michigan (LDAM)	A
Krefeld-Freier, Krista	Michigan Transition Services Association (MTSA)	P



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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	A
Patel, Shailee**	Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE)	P
Primus, Kim	Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (MANS)	P
Riley, Scott	Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (MASA)	P
Robie, Shalika	Michigan Council for Exceptional Children (MCEC)	P
Sharp, Christina	Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors (CMTED)	A



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

OSE Support	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 3/2/22
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
Reed, Ashley (SCECH, Reimbursement)	Michigan Department of Education - Office of Special Education (OSE)	P



Visitors	Organization/Agency	Code(s) 3/2/22
Brassell, Leshia	Detroit Parent Network	P
Breen, Leah	Director, Office of Educator Excellence (OEE)	P
Dawson, Lacy	Detroit Parent Network	P
Park, Sara	NA	P
Underwood, Shannon	Michigan School Counselor Association	P
VanderPloeg, Laurie	Former Director, US Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)	P