

**East Carroll Parish**  
**2023-2024 Annual Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Report**



**May 15, 2024**

## What is the purpose of [LEA]’s Special Education Advisory Council?

R.S. 17:1944 requires local public school systems to create a special education advisory council to provide advice and feedback regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources. The council shall also engage in outreach activities to the community at large to increase the level of knowledge, support, and collaboration with respect to special education.

## Members and Roles

Member	Role
Shirley Holden	Parent
Kathy Jackson	Parent
Shanekqua James	Parent
Jessica Brice	Parent
Ezzard Mitchell	Principal, Teacher or Paraprofessional
Precious Albert	High School Student with a Disability
Families Helping Families	Entity That Serves Students with Disabilities
Dr. Connyettia Nelson	Chairperson

## General Meeting Information and Highlights

East Carroll Parish Public Schools Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) met on the following dates at the East Carroll Parish Parent Center. All meetings were open to the public for those with interests in the Special Education services provided by East Carroll Schools.

### 2023-2024 Meetings, Agendas, Minutes [Insert links to any agendas and minutes.]

October 18, 2023 (3:30 p.m.)	East Carroll Parent Center	[Insert link to agenda, minutes]
January 20, 2024 (3:30 p.m.)	East Carroll Parent Center	[Insert link to agenda, minutes]
April 9, 2024 (3:30 p.m.)	East Carroll Parent Center	[Insert link to agenda, minutes]

Parents are sent agendas that pertain to the SEAC meetings via students and by mail. Teachers and Pupil Appraisal Staff are asked to inform and remind parents about SEAC meetings during IEP and evaluation notices.

### Meeting 1: October 18, 2023 Meeting Highlights:

Attendance- SEAC Members present: Connyettia Nelson, Ezzard Mitchell, Shanekqa James, Kathy Jackson, and Shirley Holden. Absent- Jessica Brice. Dr. Connyettia Nelson welcomed the committee and thanked them for agreeing to serve. Dr. Nelson allowed each SEAC member to introduce themselves to the group. Dr. Nelson provided an update on new legislation for SWDs. Mrs. Myrtis Magee described the evaluation process in great detail.

## **Meeting 2: January 30, 2024 Meeting Highlights:**

Attendance- SEAC Members present: Connyettia Nelson, Ezzard Mitchell, Jessica Brice, Shanekqa James, and Shirley Holden. Absent- Jessica Brice and Kathy Jackson. Dr. Connyettia Nelson welcomed the committee. Dr. Nelson then provided updates about the programs that the district currently use with the SWDs. Mr. Ezzard Mitchell then provided an update on the registration for the GUMBO games. The games had a tentative date in March but this date may be moved to April depending on the conditions of the field at LA Tech. April Dunn requirements were explained by Mrs. Oriel Hampton.

## **Meeting 3: April 9, 2024**

Attendance- SEAC Members present: Connyettia Nelson, Ezzard Mitchell, Jessica Brice, Shanekqa James, Kathy Jackson, and Shirley Holden. Dr. Connyettia Nelson welcomed the committee. She then presented flyers for Families Helping Families due to Ms. Alexa Bolden not being able to attend due to the inclement weather. Ms. Bolden had asked to provide details via Zoom but there was no Promethean Board in the center where the meeting was held. Ms. Danielle Davis then provided the group with a detailed description of the Children's Choice waiver and how A & D Helping Hands could be instrumental in providing those services. Because the parent turnout was less than 10 due to the weather, the committee decided to revisit these discussions at the first meeting in October 2024.

## **How to Join**

Anyone interested in joining East Carroll Parish's SEAC should pick up an application from the following:

East Carroll Special Services

603 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Lake Providence, LA 71254

The completed application must be returned to Dr. Connyettia Nelson no later than September 15, 2024.