

Calcasieu Parish School Board
2024-2025 Annual Special Education Advisory Council
(SEAC) Report



May 31, 2025

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 |
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| Jasmine Harris | Parent |
| Kodi Tolbert-Ellis | Parent |
| Kayla Fontenot | Parent |
| Heather Monceaux- Cooley | Parent |
| Kristen Ardoin | Teacher |
| Summer Rion | Teacher |
| Veronica Nelson-Williams | Teacher |
| Zachary Monceaux | High School Student with a Disability |
| Rachael Guidry | Entity That Serves Students with Disabilities |
| Christa Foolkes | Chair |

2024-2025 Meetings, Agendas, Minutes

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| December 2, 2024 at 5:00 pm | CPSB Meeting Room | https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1746479825/cpsborg/qlyaffoc6zb6pbfmlzyp/CPSBSEACMinutes4-7-2025_1.pdf |
| February 3, 2025 at 5:00 pm | CPSB Meeting Room | https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1739376896/cpsborg/pujpizzdejtkvqpjugu/2025-02-03Minutes.pdf |
| April 7, 2025 at 5:00 pm | CPSB Meeting Room | https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1733772862/cpsborg/fcezl3ifvjyzccilrno/2024-12-02Minutes.pdf |

Quorum was met at all meetings. Each meeting was advertised via the CPSB Department of Special Services social media website as well as at www.cpsb.org under the Special Education Department tab. Participation from members and community stakeholders was encouraged throughout each meeting

Executive Summary

1. At each of the meetings, the SEAC heard about upcoming events for students with special needs. Events included Christmas dances, Cookies with Santa, Special Education Carnival, Braille Literacy Night, free sign language classes for the public, and Resource Night for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind, and Visually Impaired. Individuals from local advocacy agencies (Families Helping Families, Imperial Calcasieu Human Services Authority, and Families for Inclusion) attended each meeting and shared information about their agencies and upcoming events/workshops. Bulletin 1508 proposals were shared as well as proposed legislation and the state SEAP meeting agendas.

2. *Areas of Improvement* - More involvement from the community (parents, teachers, staff, community stakeholders) at meetings. Advertise meetings and sponsored events through multiple channels.

Next Steps – Plan meetings for the 2025-2026 school year. Collect data from stakeholders on what information would be helpful at future Special Education Advisory Council meetings.

Timeline of Upcoming Activities – Collaborate with local agencies and endorse Tutorship Workshops

3. Parents are encouraged to join the Special Education Advisory Council as well as attend the SEAC meetings.

How to Join

For information on how to join and participate in Special Education Advisory Council meetings, please visit <https://www.cpsb.org/depts/special-education/seac>.