



**State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children (SAPEC)  
Jan. 17, 2025  
Virtually through Microsoft Teams**

**Purpose:** The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that states establish advisory panels to advise and assist the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) on special education and related services for children with disabilities. The SAPEC members represent various agencies, individuals with disabilities, parents of children with disabilities, service providers and administrators.

[34 CFR §300.169](#)

Duties.

The advisory panel must—

- (a) Advise the SEA of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities;
- (b) Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the State regarding the education of children with disabilities;
- (c) Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary under section 618 of the Act;
- (d) Advise the SEA in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under Part B of the Act; and
- (e) Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities.

## **AGENDA**

**9:00 am ET**

### **I. Welcome**

Tonika East, Ed.D. State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children (SAPEC) Chair

### **II. Review Meeting Norms and Duties**

Misty Green, Systems Consultant IT  
Office of Special Education and Early Learning

### **III. Roll Call of Members**

Tonika East, Ed.D. SAPEC Chair

### **IV. Membership Update**

Melody Cooper, Policy Advisor  
Office of Special Education and Early Learning

**V. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Tonika East, Ed.D. SAPEC Chair

**VI. Public Comment**

Tonika East, Ed.D. SAPEC Chair

**VII. OSEEL Update**

Differentiated Monitoring System  
Kentucky's Annual Determination  
Personnel Updates  
Gretta Hylton, Associate Commissioner  
Office of Special Education and Early Learning

**VIII. Transition Education Unit**

Jason Wheatley, Ed.D. Program Administrator  
Office of Special Education and Early Learning  
  
Allison Johnson, Ed.D. Assistant Program Administrator  
Office of Special Education and Early Learning

**IX. Child Find**

Veronica Sullivan, Director  
Division of IDEA Implementation and Preschool  
Office of Special Education and Early Learning

**X. State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)**

Amanda Waldroup, Assistant Director  
Division of IDEA Implementation and Preschool  
Office of Special Education and Early Learning

**XI. Due Process Update**

Carol Ann Morrison, Director  
Division of IDEA Monitoring and Results  
Office of Special Education and Early Learning

**XII. Proposed Baseline and New Targets for the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) Indicator 7**

Lauren Thieneman, KY Post Secondary  
Transition Specialist  
Division of IDEA Monitoring and Results  
Office of Special Education and Early Learning

**Noon**

**Lunch**

**1:00 pm**

**XIII. Committee Meetings (Up to 20 minutes for each committee meeting)**

- Transition
- Parent Involvement
- Supervision and Legislative
- FAPE
- Communication
- Stakeholder Engagement/Ad Hoc

**XIV. 2025 Meeting Schedule**

Tonika East, Ed.D. SAPEC Chair

**XV. Final Remarks and Exit Slip Reminder**

Tonika East, Ed.D. SAPEC Chair

**XVI. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: TBD**