



**STATE ADVISORY PANEL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (SAPEC)
OCTOBER 19, 2023**

In person at the 300 Building, Frankfort, KY, and 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

Thursday, October 19, 2023

9:00 am EST

- I. Welcome**
Dr. Tonika East, State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children (SAPEC) Chair
- II. Review Meeting Norms and Duties**
Misty Green, Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL)
- III. Roll Call of Members**
Dr. Tonika East, SAPEC Chair
- IV. Membership Update**
Melody Cooper, Policy Advisor
Office of Special Education and Early Learning

V. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Dr. Tonika East, SAPEC Chair

VI. Election of Officer

Vice Chair

VII. Public Comment

Dr. Tonika East, SAPEC Chair

VIII. Preschool Update

Dr. Thomas Williams

Early Learning Administrator

IX. Guidance Update

Veronica Sullivan, Director

Division of IDEA Implementation and Preschool

X. Due Process Update

Carol Ann Morrison, Director

Division of IDEA Monitoring and Results

Noon

Lunch

1:00 pm

XI. OSEP

Marjorie Thompson

XII. Special Education Regional Technical Assistance Center (SERTAC) Update

Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative

Dionne Bates, Director/Implementation and Improvement Lead

XIII. Committee Meetings (10 minutes for each committee meeting)

- Transition
- Parent Involvement
- Supervision and Legislative
- FAPE (Free Appropriate Public Education)
- Communication
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Ad Hoc

XIV. 2024 Meeting Schedule

Dr. Tonika East, SAPEC Chair

XV. Final Remarks and Exit Slip Reminder

Dr. Tonika East, SAPEC Chair

XVI. Adjournment

Dr. Tonika East, SAPEC Chair

Next Meeting: TBD