

**STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
National Conference Center at the Holiday Inn
399 Monmouth Street
East Windsor, NJ 08520**

Meeting Overview

Thursday, October 16, 2014

Members in attendance: Lauren Agoratus, Myriam Alizo, Suzanne Buchanan, Susan Colacello, Mary Ann Comparetto, Beth Kelley, Deborah Lynam, Magaly Milton, Peggy O'Reilly, Leslie Rubinstein, Tekelah Sherrod, Fred Tchang, Dorothy Van Horn

Members not in attendance: Melanie McGackin

Resource Representatives in attendance: Susan Avny, Tracy Nowlin, Robert Paige

Resource Representatives not in attendance: Nancy Mimm

Guests and members of the public: : Lauren Bennett

I. ACCEPTANCE OF JUNE MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

Review and approval of the minutes was delayed until after the election of chair and co-chair.

The minutes were approved with one correction. All were in favor.

II. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR

Dr. Dorothy Van Horn was elected Chairperson and Melanie McGackin was elected Co-chairperson.

III. DIRECTORS UPDATE

Dr. McDonald shared the Regional Part B Summary for the Northeast states with the Council. She also discussed a recent Broadcast Fax from Bari Erlichson reiterating that no students will be exempted from participating in the PARCC assessment. Through a combination of universal design principles and computer-embedded features, PARCC will be available to the vast majority of students.

IV. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The Council discussed and agreed that the focus topics for the two committees would be the PARCC assessment and Transition/Workforce Readiness

The Council passed a motion to extend the work session portion of monthly meetings until 12:30 p.m. in order to accommodate committee meetings.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in East Windsor

VII. LUNCH