

New Jersey State Special Education Advisory Council

MAY 15, 2025 AGENDA
Virtual via Microsoft Teams

9:30 am – 9:40 am

Call to Order

Dr. Paul Barbato, Chairperson
Jocelyn Gottlieb, Assistant Chairperson

- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes (2)
- Review of Agenda
- Links Shared During Meetings

9:45 am – 10:05 am

Office of Special Education Standing Updates

Dr. Damian Petino, Assistant Director, Office of Special Education

10:05 am – 10:20 am

Council Discussion

- Old Business
 - March Meeting Reflection
 - [Dispute Resolution and Findings](#)
- Announcements
 - State Resource Advisory (SPAN, NJSBA, DOC, JJC, DVRS, DOH, DCF, McKinney-Vento, etc.)
 - Advisory Council Connections
- Office of Special Education Connections (LRC, NJPBSIS, NJPIEP, etc.)

During the following presentations, only SSEAC Council Members and Stakeholders can comment in the chat.

10:20 am – 10:40 am

Indicator 8: Parent Involvement and Facilitation Results

Alexandra Pensiero, Federal Reporting and Engagement Specialist, Office of Special Education

10:40 am – 11:10 am

Enhancing Preschool Practice: Collaboration Between NIEER and NJDOE OSE

Jennifer Duer, Ph.D. Assistant Research Professor National Institute for Early Education Research, Rutgers University

11:10 pm – 11:15 pm

Break

11:15 pm – 11:30 pm

619 Preschool Updates

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Jennifer Nicosia, State Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator (ECSE/619), Office of Special Education; Ilene Goy, Preschool Specialist, Office of Special Education

11:30 am – 11:45 am

Updates on the New Jersey Pathways to Postsecondary Success Grant (previously CIT-NJ)

JoAnn Johnson, Transition Specialist, Office of Special Education

11:45 am – 12:45 pm

New Business

- [Open Vacancy Process](#) (Released on May 14, 2025; Application Period Closes on May 30, 2025)
- Proposed Amendments to By-laws (Formal Vote)
- Upcoming Meeting Reminders and Topics
 - *June (In-Person)* – Prior Recommendation Updates; **Director's Response**; Annual NJ-SSEAC Survey Results; 3rd Annual Special Education Celebration (*Memo Available*)
- Engagement Committee Report and Updates
- Council Subcommittee Annual Report Presentation(s) and Approval(s)

12:45 pm – 1:00 pm

Public Comments *

1:00 pm

End of Public Session

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