

New Jersey State Special Education Advisory Council

OCTOBER 16, 2025 AGENDA

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

9:30 am – 9:45 am

Call to Order

Dr. Paul Barbato, Chairperson

Jocelyn Gottlieb, Assistant Chairperson

- Introductions
- Approval of September Minutes
- Review of Agenda
- Links Shared During Meetings

9:45 am – 10:05 am

Office of Special Education Standing Updates

Dr. Kimberly Murray, Director, Office of Special Education

10:05 am – 10:20 am

Council Discussion

- Old Business
 - Member Bios - Online
 - [Dispute Resolution and Findings](#)
 - [Monthly Meeting Evaluation Form](#)
- 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

State Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator (ECSE/619) Preschool Updates

Jennifer Nicosia, ECSE/619, Office of Special Education;
Ilene Goy, Preschool Disabilities Specialist, Office of Special Education;
Sriparna Bhattacharyya, Preschool Disabilities Specialist, Office of Special Education

10:40 am – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 am – 11:35 am

FY23 Parent Involvement (Indicator 8) and FY25 Supplemental Survey

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Dr. Alexandra Pensiero, Coordinator of Federal and Local Reporting, Office of Special Education; Essence Maradiaga, Family Engagement Specialist, Office of Special Education; Siobhan Power, Associate Director, Bloustein Center for Survey Research at Rutgers University; Camille D'Andrea, Senior Research Specialist, Bloustein Center for Survey Research at Rutgers University

11:35 am – 11:40 am

Break

11:40 am – 12:30 pm

The New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS)

Luiz Pereira, Director, Office of Student Support Services;
Stephanie Osgoodby, Supervisor, Office of Student Support Services

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm

Council Discussion

- New Business
 - Proposed By-Law Amendments – *Formal Council Vote on November 20th*
 - Upcoming Meeting Reminders and Topics
 - Subcommittee Updates
 - Priority 1: Least Restrictive Environment
 - Priority 2: Family Engagement
 - Priority 3: Tiered Systems of Support for Behavior and Early Literacy
 - Priority 4: Special Education Student Outcomes
 - Subcommittee Next-Steps and Best-Practices

12:45 pm – 1:00 pm

Public Comments *

1:00 pm

End of Public Session

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Council Engagement Committee Meeting

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