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LAVCA Special Education Advisory Council 2025/2026

[2526 LAVCA Special Education Advisory Council Handbook](#)

2025 - 2026
Special Education Advisory Council Members

Parents

Chasity Lewis-Jackson

Latisha Hanna

Mallory Charboneau

Sabrina Palmer Trochesset

Christy Taylor

Student

Kamari Jackson



Chair

Royann Smith

Special Programs Manager

Tara Ferguson

Elementary Teacher

Renee Box

Middle School Teacher

Morgan Richardson

High School Teacher

Karen Minor



SEAC Meeting Norms

- **Be Present**
- **All Voices are Valuable**
- **Students First Mindset**
- **Recognize & Appreciate Diversity**
- **Follow Policy, Utilize SEAC Handbook**
- **Demonstrate Integrity**
- **Engage in Community Outreach**



2025-2026
Advisory Council Virtual Meeting Dates



Friday, August 22nd @ 1pm

Friday, October 10th @ 1pm

Friday, December 12th @ 1pm

Friday, March 13th @ 1pm

Friday, May 15th @ 1pm



Meeting Agenda

August 22, 2025 @ 1pm

- I. Meeting call to order
- II. Introduction of members
- III. Review of norms
- IV. Determine upcoming meeting dates - 10/10, 12/19, 3/13, 5/15
- V. Parent perspectives: topics of interest/improvement recommendations
 - A. Sped Manager Input: [LDOE NEWSLETTER](#); [BUL. 1508 PUPIL APPRAISAL](#), [BUL. 1530 EP HANDBOOK](#), [BUL. 1706 REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION](#); OPEN ARMS BEHAVIORAL SERVICES MENTAL HEALTH/COUNSELING SERVICES; GROWTH TRANSITIONAL SERVICE PLANNING www.growthla.org/
- VI. Next steps
 - A. Implement google form or canvas quiz, Improve communication w/RSP & small group consistency in student calendars
- I. Closing
- II. Meeting adjourned

Attendance report: [SEAC initial meeting - Attendance report 8-22-25.pdf](#) Transcript: [SEAC initial meeting transcript 8-22-2025.docx](#)

Teams meeting link:

[SEAC initial meeting | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



Meeting Agenda

October 10, 2025 @ 1pm

- I. Meeting call to order**
- II. Review of norms**
- III. Review previous meeting notes** – Tara Ferguson (SPM) LDOE Newsletter, Sped Bulletins, OABS; Charles Robertson (GROWTH) Pre-ETS; Parents perspectives – Increase communication between families and staff; Action Steps – Parent/Teacher Collab Survey – 22 responses were provided to all teachers & RS Parent Guide & Report SEAC Update was presented at September PD
- IV. Council discussion topics:** Upcoming Testing Dates: **Workkeys** (October) **Fall HS LEAP** (12/8-12), **LEAP Connect** (2/23-27), **ACT** (3/10), **DIBELS/Math Screener** (4/1,2,13,14), **LEAP G3-8** (4/15-17,21-22), **HS LEAP** (4/23,24,28) **Make-ups** (4/29,30) – Parent informational meetings: Fall (virtual), Spring (in-person)



Meeting Agenda October 10, 2025 @ 1pm

V. Message from the Manager: Tara Ferguson (SPM)
Introduction of Mrs. Megan Crain: Self-Contained Teacher K-5th

Exceptional Lives - Early Childhood Development Hub

<https://exceptionallives.org/>

Disability Rights - <https://disabilityrightsla.org/> ; Intake Form*

<https://disabilityrightsla.org/get-help-now/>; facebook.com/disabilityrightsla ;
twitter.com/disabilityrtsla; instagram.com/disabilityrightsla

*Alternatives to Legal Status Changes

<https://disabilityrightsla.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Alternatives-to-Interdiction-and-Continuing-Tutorships-2.20.25.pdf>

VI. Guest speaker: Open Arms Behavioral Services, LLC (OABS) - Founder/CEO,
Demarcus Patterson Sr. <https://www.oabsllc.com/>



Meeting Agenda October 10, 2025 @ 1pm

[SEAC Newsletter](#)

VII Parent perspectives - which calculator allowed at LEAP testing / calc training, IEP process, pace too fast, parent collaboration for support

VIII. Next steps - follow-up on calc access / training, parents connect in support

IX. Closing

X. Meeting adjourned

Link to recorded meeting and transcript: [Recap: SEAC Meeting - All Invited! Friday, October 10 | Meeting | Microsoft Teams](#)



Meeting Agenda

December 12, 2025 @ 1pm

- I. Meeting call to order
- II. Review of norms
- III. Review previous meeting notes - Review of upcoming testing dates and parent information meetings, Guest Speaker - Founder/CEO of OABS, Parents expressed a need for a place for parent collaboration / support
- IV. Guest speaker - Heather McFarland: K12 Zone Parent
Discussion/Support Room
- V. Next steps - Collect interest surveys
- VI. Closing
- VII. Meeting adjourned



Meeting Agenda

March 13, 2026 @ 1pm

- I. Meeting call to order
- II. Introduction of members
- III. Review of norms
- IV. Review previous meeting notes: K12 Zone Parent Room Update (12 parents signed up!)
- V. Guest Speaker: Tara Wallace, GAME TIME IEP: Advocacy Service
- VI. Upcoming Important dates:
 - LEAP Connect: Feb. 23-March 27 (mostly complete)
 - ACT Testing - March 10-March 13
 - Good Friday and Spring Break April 3 - April 10
 - LEAP Testing High School: April 14-17
 - LEAP Testing Grades 3-8 - April 21-23 & 28-29



Meeting Agenda

March 13, 2026 @ 1pm

VI Next steps -

VII. Updates from Tara Ferguson, Special Programs Manager:

A. State Testing Accommodations and Needs

B. Reminder of calculator guidance

<https://doe.louisiana.gov/docs/default-source/assessment-guidance/leap-2025-calculator-policy.pdf?sfvrsn=4> (Calculator follow up)

C. LDOE Audit & Site Visit - Parent Q&A on March 23rd @ 11a and 2:30p (attend one)

D. SEAC Updates for Next Year

Meeting recording link: [LAVCA's SEAC March Meeting-20260313_130406-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)



Meeting Agenda

May 15, 2026 @ 1pm

- I. Meeting call to order
- II. Review of norms
- III. Year in review:
 - Held quarterly meetings
 - Guest speakers: OABS counseling services, Charles Robertson - Growth transition planning, Heather McFarland, Student Experience Specialist, K12 Zone, Tara Wallace - Game Time IEP: Advocacy Service
 - Parent/Teacher Collaborative Survey and K12 Zone Parent Room
- IV. Parent remarks and anticipated needs.
- V. Guest speaker: Courtney Altman - Growth Transition Services
- VI. Important dates:
 - Wednesday, May 20 - Last day for students & Graduation
 - Friday, May 22 - Report Cards Issued
 - Thursday, August 6 - First day of school for students
- VI. Looking ahead: SEAC Advisory Committee forms - **Parent** - <https://forms.gle/m9bbwuLrGWBS9CSS9> **Staff Member** - <https://forms.gle/thRTzF3H5yfCW14n7> Due by May 22nd. We will make a final ask in August 2026. .
- VII. Closing
- VIII. Meeting adjourned

[SEAC May Meeting Join Link](#)

