



State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children (SAPEC)
November 13, 2025
Hybrid Meeting-KDE, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY
40601, 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

9:00 am ET

I. Welcome

Gretta Hylton, Ed.D., Associate Commissioner and State Director of Special Education
Office of Special Education and Early Learning

Jarrod S. Slone, IDEA Program and Fiscal Compliance Specialist
Office of Special Education and Early Learning

II. Roll Call of Members

Jarrod S. Slone, IDEA Program and Fiscal Compliance Specialist
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III. Review Meeting Purpose, Duties, and Norms

Jarrod S. Slone, IDEA Program and Fiscal Compliance Specialist
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IV. Membership Update

Melody Cooper, Policy Advisor
Office of Special Education and Early Learning

V. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Jarrold S. Slone, IDEA Program and Fiscal Compliance Specialist
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VI. Public Comment

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VII. Election of Officers

Chair

Jarrold S. Slone, IDEA Program and Fiscal Compliance Specialist
Office of Special Education and Early Learning

Vice Chair

Secretary

Presiding Chair Once Elected

VIII. OSEEL Updates

OSEEL Office Updates

Gretta Hylton, Associate Commissioner

Office of Special Education and Early Learning

State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) Update

Lauren Thieneman, OSEEL SPP/APR Coordinator

State Identified Measurable Result (SIMR)

Veronica Sullivan, Director-Division of IDEA Implementation and Preschool (DIIP)

State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG), KY Transition 360 *For Educators*

Jason Wheatley, Ed. D., Director-Transition Education Unit

IX. 2025-26 Meeting Schedule

Presiding Chair Once Elected

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X. Final Remarks and Exit Slip Reminder

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XI. Adjournment-12:00pm

Next Meeting: TBD