



**State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children (SAPEC)  
March 11, 2026  
Hybrid Meeting-KDE, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY  
40601, and Virtually through Microsoft Teams  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**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 a.m. ET**

### **I. Call to Order**

Tiffany Clark, SAPEC Chair

### **II. Roll Call of Members**

Emily Fox, SAPEC Secretary

### **III. Welcome**

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

### **IV. Agenda Review and Review of Meeting Purpose, Duties, and Norms**

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

### **V. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Emily Fox, SAPEC Secretary

**VI. Legislative Update**

Melody Cooper, OSEEL Policy Advisor

**VII. SAPEC Purpose and Duties**

John Copenhaver, Program Director, Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE) at Utah State University

**Break**

**VIII. Public Comment**

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

**IX. Final Remarks and Exit Slip Reminder**

Tiffany Clark, SAPEC Chair  
Jarrod S. Slone, IDEA Program and Fiscal Compliance Specialist  
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**X. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, 6/10/26, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**