



**Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2025
Virtual Meeting**

8:30 Chair Deva McNiven called the meeting to order.

8:30 Public Comment

8:45 Deva McNiven led Panel introductions.

Members Present: Deva McNiven, Theresa Baldry, Rebekah Serrine, Christina Petersen, Cindy Galbavy, Lucy Galarus, Jennifer Schoffer Closson, Heidi Gibson, Natalie Bahnmilller, Bridget Coleman, Dwight Nelson, Jeremy Shields, Lisa Fant, Christa Gabriel

Members Not Present: Kylah Minor, Josh Kendrick

Staff Present: Ty House, Danni McCarthy, Tyler Capece

Public Present: None

Approve the Proposed Agenda (Action Item)

Proposed: Theresa Baldry

2nd: Christina Petersen

Approved: Yes

Review/Approve Minutes of December Meeting (Action Item)

Proposed: Cindy Galbavy

2nd: Rebekah Serrine

Approved: Yes

Announcements:

Theresa Baldry spoke about the CSPD Survey and CASE, Council of Administrators of Special Education Low Incident Disability Training.

Jennifer Schoffer Closson discussed a YETI summer camp for kids with Autism.

Lucy Galarus discussed a health summit at UM about mobility issues and is speaking at an AZ conference for a longer discussion about college mobility issues.

Pathways to paychecks events discussed by Rebekah Serrine.

June 15th-18th Summer Institute will be held.

Heidi Gibson discussed MEC survey to develop a 5-year plan.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XB3TFLS>

MEC just finished 2 new handbooks and are looking for feedback.

9:00-10:00 Jeremy Sheilds discussed reentry of Adjudicated Youth with IEPs to Home School District with the Panel as a breakout session.

10:07-10:22 Break

10:15-11:15 OPI Updates – Danni McCarthy, State Director of Special Education discussed the topics below with the Panel.

- Para Pathways
- SPP/APR
- Staffing Update
- Monitoring Update
- Federal Funding
- Sig Dispro changes

Ideas for the Joint Partnership Meeting were discussed.

12:15-1:00 Lunch

Indicator 8 (Parent Survey) and increasing family involvement was discussed.

Jennifer Schoffer Closson discussed the Blue Envelope project that helps a person with Autism by aiding if/when they are pulled over by law enforcement.

The Panel information pamphlet and where to house the pamphlet on the OPI website were discussed.

Adjourn Meeting(Action Item)

Proposed: Jeremy Sheilds

2nd: Heidi Gibson

Approved: Yes

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Adjourn