



STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES April 10, 2025

Members Present: Mildred (Millie) Armstrong, Deva McNiven, Theresa Baldry, Lisa Fant, Rebekah Sirrine, Christina Petersen, Cindy Galbavy, Lucy Galarus, Christa Gabriel.

Staff Present: Danni McCarthy, Kimber Emmons

Public Present: None

8:00 Welcome: Call the Meeting to Order

Approve the Proposed Agenda (Action Item)

Proposed: Theresa Baldry

2nd: Cindy Galbavy

Approved: Yes

Review/Approve Minutes of March Meeting (Action Item)

Proposed: Millie Armstrong

2nd: Christina Petersen

Approved: Yes

Introductions were made

8:30 Panel called for Public Comments

Announcements

- HJ 51 - recommended a study of Special Education policy and budget
- Christa Gabriel shared about Interactive Art Installations

Christa Gabriel of Disability Rights of Montana read a letter that was presented to the Superintendent.

The Annual Application/Budget was discussed.

Vice-Chair Position Election (Action Item)

Nomination: Rebekah Sirrine

Proposed: Lisa Fant

2nd: Theresa Baldry

Approved: Yes

Secretary Position Election (Action Item)

Nomination: Lisa Fant

Proposed: Rebekah Sirrine

2nd: Cindy Galbavy

Approved: Yes

Panel member positions, changes and updates were discussed.

Panel Work Groups Reported on their progress

1. Autism
2. Significant Disproportionality
3. Graduation

Future Meeting Dates were discussed

- September/October – In person
- December 12th - Virtual
- March 6th - Virtual
- April 29th-30th – In-person

Adjourn (Action Item)

Proposed: Christa Gabriel

2nd: Rebekah Sirrine

Approved: Yes