



**STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL MEETING
MINUTES
March 06, 2025
Virtual Meeting**

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

Members Not Present: Chad Berg, Travis Anderson, Vicki Langlinais, Brandi Loch, Norah Barney,

Staff Present: Ty House, Kimber Emmons, Kristie Sears, Danni McCarthy, John Gorton

Public Present: Heidi Gibson of MEC

8:30 Welcome: Call the Meeting to Order – Vice Chair

Approve the Proposed Agenda— (Action Item)

Proposed: Millie Anderson

2nd: Theresa Baldry

Approved: Yes

Review/Approve Minutes of March Meeting (Action Item)

Proposed: Lucy Galarus

2nd: Christina Petersen

Approved: Yes

Danni McCarthy and the Panel briefly discussed questions and concerns over the court case to declare Section 504 unconstitutional. There are no updates currently as it is not under the purview of OPI.

Lucy Galarus stated that on March 19th at 11:00 at the Capitol rotunda there will be a rally in support of Section 504.

Jennifer Schoffer Closson would like it recorded that she does not support the Superintendents support to remove the 504 protections.

Public Comment: None

Suggested Bylaw Changes discussed by the Panel.

Approve the Proposed Bylaw Changes— (Action Item)

Proposed: Millie Armstrong

2nd: Norah Barney

Approved: Yes

A copy of the new Bylaws will be sent to the Panel after the meeting and posted to the OPI website.

Danni discussed the Annual Performance Report.

10:30-10:45 Break

Discussion of the Annual Performance report continued.

The Panel discussed the effectiveness of the current work groups and potential changes moving forward, since the APR discussion did not take up the entire allotted time.

11:30-12:00 Lunch

12:00

Danni discussed OPI updates to Para Pathways, and Fiscal and Legislative & Federal Updates.

The Panel discussed workgroup progress and possible recommendations and details to be included in a report to the Superintendent.

The Panel requested that a letter to SEAP members be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Danni McCarthy discussed the Next Meeting/Joint Stakeholder Meeting/Advisory Panel

Dates of the upcoming Panel meetings were discussed. Possible dates discussed:

December 8th

March 6th

April 29th-30th

Agenda items and ideas for the Joint partnership Meeting was discussed. The meeting will be in person at Carroll College.

2:45 Adjourn