



**Oklahoma Special Education  
Individuals with Disabilities Education  
Act (IDEA) Part B  
Special Education Advisory Panel  
(SEAP)  
Annual Report**

Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE)  
Special Education Services (SES)

July 2022 – June 2023

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## A Note from The SEAP Chair

Dear Superintendent Ryan Walters,

On behalf of the Oklahoma IDEA-B Advisory Panel, I am pleased to submit this report summarizing the Advisory Panel's activities and accomplishments from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

The past year has been one of exceptional collaboration between the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), Special Education Services (SES), and the Advisory Panel.

The Advisory Panel meets four times a year and is open to the public. Anyone with an interest in special education is encouraged to attend and present their concerns and suggestions to improve educational outcomes for children with disabilities as outlined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The Advisory Panel appreciates the support, information, and guidance provided by OSDE and SES as we work to advocate for an educational system that achieves excellence, equity, and lifelong learning for all students in Oklahoma.

Over the course of this past year, this purpose was accomplished thanks to the efforts of the OSDE-SES staff and its leadership by Todd Loftin, Former State Director and Sherri Coats, Current State Director, along with the thoughtful input and engagement of each of the Panel members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "J".

## **Introduction**

The Annual Report serves to inform state officials and the public of the activities conducted by the Oklahoma IDEA-B Advisory Panel. It outlines areas of need within the state that are viewed as priorities in the education of children with disabilities.

## **Authority**

The IDEA-B State Advisory Panel of the State of Oklahoma is established in accordance with IDEA 2004 SEC. 612 State Eligibility and Section 1412(a)(21) of IDEA. Also, the State Advisory Panel is established in accordance with the Oklahoma Special Education Administrative Code.

## **Purpose of the Advisory Panel**

The Oklahoma State Department of Education establishes and maintains an Advisory Panel to provide guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities eligible under IDEA in the State (34 CFR 300.167).

The Advisory Panel is “Advisory” to the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) and Special Education Services (SES). The Advisory Panel advises the State Superintendent of Public Instruction through the State Director of Special Education.

## **State Advisory Panel Duties Under IDEA**

To fulfill its obligation to provide support to the Oklahoma State Department of Education and Special Education Services, the panel engages in the following activities:

- Advise the OSDE, SES of unmet needs within the State in the education of children and youth with disabilities. (34 CFR 300.169(a))
- Comment on any rules or regulations proposed by the State regarding the education of special education students. (34 CFR 300.169(b))

- Advise the Office of Special Education in developing evaluations and reporting such information as may assist the State in its data requirements under Section 618 of the IDEA. (34 CFR 300.169(c))
- Advise the Office of Special Education in developing corrective action plans (CAPs) to address findings identified in federal monitoring reports under Part B of the IDEA. (34 CFR 300.513(d) and 300.514(c))
- Advise the Office of Special Education in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for special education students. (34 CFR 300.169 (e))
- Provide the Advisory Council with the due process hearing (DPH) findings and decisions and make those findings and decisions available to the public. (CFR 300.513(d) & 300.514(c))
- Waiver of non-supplant requirement. The State must consult with the Advisory Panel regarding provisions of Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). (34 CFR 300.164(c)(4))
- Advise the Office of Special Education as it monitors special education programs in local education agencies (LEAs) and private schools.

### **Advisory Panel Meetings**

The annual schedule of regular meetings includes at least four meetings each year and an orientation for new members. Meetings are held in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Public Meetings Act.

### **Meeting Dates**

September 23, 2022	December 8, 2022
March 23, 2023	June 1, 2023

## **Advisory Panel Priorities**

To provide policy guidance to the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities, the following priorities were established for the 2022-2023 panel year:

- Secondary Transition – Continue to highlight the Alternate Diploma as a graduation pathway for students who participate in the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment (OAAP) and are taught to alternate achievement standards.
- Behavior/Discipline – Continue to reduce the number of In-School Suspensions, Out-of-School Suspensions, Interim Alternative Educational Setting placements.
- Teacher Recruitment and Retention – Continue to highlight teacher certification pathways such as boot camp and paraprofessional to teacher routes.

## **A Year in Review**

The 2022-2023 Oklahoma IDEA-B Advisory Panel year began on September 23, 2022 with an orientation training session for new and existing members joining the Advisory Panel. This activity was conducted by Norm Ames, Associate Director of the Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE) at Utah State University.

Associate Director Ames assisted the Advisory Panel in identifying potential priority areas for a renewed strategic focus. Advisory Panel members identified three main priority areas: Secondary Transition, Behavior/Discipline, and Teacher Recruitment and Retention.

Throughout the year, the Advisory Panel reviewed prior to, or at each meeting, the progress on the selected panel priorities.

As part of the provided materials and agenda for panel meetings, information was provided regarding the following:

- Annual Performance Report (APR) Updates
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- School District Determinations
- State Performance Plan Updates
- State Systemic Improvement Plan Updates

The Advisory Panel priorities shaped the foundation for the development of each Advisory Panel Meeting Agenda. All Advisory Panel business related to one or more of these priorities. Agendas for all Oklahoma IDEA-B Advisory Panel meetings are included herein.

## Appendix A

### Advisory Panel Agendas and Minutes



IDEA B State Advisory Panel  
Friday, September 23, 2022

1:00-4:00 pm

ZOOM Meeting

#### MEETING AGENDA

1:00 – 1:05

A. Introduction – Todd Loftin

1:05 – 3:00

B. SAP Orientation – Norm Ames (TAESE)

3:00 – 3:10

C. Break

3:10 – 3:55

D. SAP Orientation – Norm Ames (TAESE)

3:55 – 4:00

E. Closing Remarks – Todd Loftin

More information about the IDEA Part B State Advisory  
Panel is located at: <http://sde.ok.gov/sde/idea-b->

## Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

IDEA B State Advisory Panel

Zoom Meeting

1:00 PM- 4:00 PM

Thursday, September 23, 2022

### **Present**

JoAnne Blades, Jamie Brock, Aaron Bullock, Latisha Coats, Malissa Cook, Michele DeBerry, Rita Echelle, Darci Forrester, Lynn Hodge, Tiffany Jenkins, Tina Kaminski, Michele Keiper, Amber Ledbetter, Bonnie McBride, and Janice Morris.

### **Absent**

Penny Cantley, Kaylin Coody, Liberty Daniels, Melinda Fruendt, Darla Hill, Marsha Herron, Michelle Koehn, Andrea Kunkel, Sharon Long, Becky Moore, Sonya Parsons, Jen Randle, Karen Reed, Ashley Rhoades, Allyson Robinson, Jennifer Robinson, Julie Sanders, Terry Spigner, Lori Wathen, Linda Whaley, and Lori Wieder,

### **State Department of Education Employees**

Abby Johnson and Todd Loffin

### **Todd Loffin: Welcome**

Todd Loffin called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

### **Norm Ames (TAESE): SAP Orientation**

Todd Loffin introduced Norm Ames from the Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE) at Utah State University. Norm then gave an orientation presentation to new and current members that focused on the following topics 1) purpose of the panel, 2) history of special education, 3)

membership and organization, 4) role of the council, 5) panel function, 6) by-laws and procedures, 7) panel priorities, 8) annual report, and 9) collaboration with Part C.

**Todd Loffin (OSDE): Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded, meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



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IDEA B State Advisory Panel

Thursday, December 8, 2022

1:00-4:00 pm

ZOOM Meeting

## MEETING AGENDA

1:00 – 1:05

A. Welcome – Darci Forrester

1:05 – 1:40

B. Updates from OSDE-SES – Todd Loftin

1:40 – 1:50

C. Break

1:50 – 3:55

D. Priority Summary – Darci Forrester

- a. Small Group Recommendations Discussion
- b. Large Group Recommendations Discussion

3:50 – 4:00

E. Closing Remarks – Todd Loftin

- a. Survey with meeting dates for next year

More information about the IDEA Part B State Advisory Panel is located at: <http://sde.ok.gov/sde/idea-b->

## Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

IDEA B State Advisory Panel

Zoom Meeting

1:00 PM- 4:00 PM

Thursday, December 8, 2022

### **Present**

Aaron Bullock, Jamie Brock, Liberty Daniels, Darci Forrester, Darla Hill, Lynn Hodge, Tiffany Jenkins, Tina Kaminski, Michelle Keiper, Sharon Coppedge-Long, Bonnie McBride, Janice Morris, Karen Reed, Terry Spigner, Lori Wathen, and Linda Whaley

### **Absent**

JoAnne Blades, Penny Cantley, Latisha Coats, Kaylin Coody, Malissa Cook, Michele DeBerry, Melinda Fruendt, Cindy Gould, Marsha Herron, Jamie Lahey, Amber Ledbetter, Becky Moore, Sonya Parsons, Jen Randle, Mandy Seward, and Lori Wieder

### **State Department of Education Employees**

Abby Johnson, Todd Loftin, and Ginger Elliott-Teague

### **Darci Forrester (Chair): Welcome**

Darci Forrester called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

### **Ginger Elliott-Teague (OSDE): Indicators**

Dr. Ginger Elliott-Teague gave a brief presentation on setting targets for annual performance indicators. She discussed in detail the IDEA requirement that states produce a "State Performance Plan and Annual Performance

Report" on the state's achievement on 17 indicators regarding students with disabilities.

### **Todd Loffin (OSDE): Special Education Services Updates**

Todd Loffin provided an update on what the Office of Special Education Services is currently working on. He highlighted various topics and priorities that the department is focusing on as the semester is ending.

### **Darci Forrester (Chair): Priority Summary**

Darci opened a discussion centered around three priority topics for the remaining panel year. Panel members provided their input, with answers varying for each priority. The selected priorities were (are) discipline/behavior, transition, and teacher shortage.

### **Todd Loffin: (OSDE): Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded, meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



**OKLAHOMA**  
**Education**

IDEA B State Advisory Panel

Thursday, March 23, 2023

1:00-4:00 pm

ZOOM Meeting

## MEETING AGENDA

1:00 – 1:05

A. Welcome – Todd Loftin

1:05 – 1:40

B. OSDE-SES Updates – Todd Loftin

- a. Part B Budget Presentation
- b. Part B Grant Application
- c. Legislative Updates
- d. Current Department Projects
- e. ESSER Funds
- f. Transition Services

1:40 – 1:50

C. Break

1:50 – 3:55

D. Panel Priorities

- a. Small Group Discussions with OSDE-SES
- b. Large Group Discussion

3:55 – 4:00

E. Closing Remarks – Todd Loftin

More information about the IDEA Part B State Advisory Panel is located at: <http://sde.ok.gov/sde/idea-b->

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

IDEA B State Advisory Panel

Zoom Meeting

1:00 PM- 4:00 PM

Thursday, March 23, 2023

**Present**

JoAnne Blades, Aaron Bullock, Kelly Carter, Latisha Coats, Malissa Cook, Liberty Daniels, Michele DeBerry, Darci Forrester, Marsha Herron, Lynn Hodge, Tiffany Jenkins, Michelle Keiper, Heather Laine, Sharon Coppedge-Long, Janice Morris, Sonya Parsons, Jen Randle, and Terry Spigner

**Absent**

Kaylin Coody, Rita Echelle, Melinda Freundt, Darla Hill, Tina Kaminski, Michelle Koehn, Andrea Kunkel, Bonnie McBride, Becky Moore, Karen Reed, Ashley Rhoades, Allyson Robinson, Jennifer Robinson, Julie Sanders, Lori Wathen, Linda Whaley, and Lori Wieder.

**State Department of Education Employees**

Sherri Coats, Nancy Goosen, Alexa Hudak, Abby Johnson, Todd Loffin, Kristen Perez-Rickels, and Carolyn Thomas

**Todd Loffin (OSDE): Welcome**

Todd Loffin called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

### **Todd Loffin (OSDE): Special Education Services Updates**

Todd Loffin provided an update on what the Office of Special Education Services is currently working on. He highlighted various topics and priorities that the department is focusing on as the semester is ending.

He also highlighted that the grant application for IDEA is due in May. The draft has been posted on the OSDE-SES website, and feedback is encouraged. The budget listed is estimated based on previous budgets. If anyone has questions regarding the draft or grant application, they are asked to contact Todd Loffin.

### **Sherri Coats (OSDE): Panel Priorities**

Sherri opened a discussion centered around three priority topics for the remaining panel year. Panel members provided their input, with answers varying for each priority. The priorities discussed were discipline/behavior, transition, and teacher shortage.

### **Todd Loffin: (OSDE): Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded, meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



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IDEA B State Advisory Panel

Thursday, June 1, 2023

1:00-4:00 pm

MEETING AGENDA

Francis Tuttle – Rockwell Campus

1:00 – 1:05

A. Welcome – Darci Forrester, Chair

1:05 – 2:35

B. OSDE-SES Updates – Sherri Coats, Program Director of Special Education Services

- a. Secondary Transition
- b. Alternate Diploma
- c. Signing Bonuses for Teachers

2:35 – 2:50

C. Break

2:50 – 3:50

D. State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) & State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) – Madison Pollock, SPDG | Nicole Herren, Specialist, SSIP

- a. Overview of SPDG
- b. Overview of SSIP

3:50 – 4:00

E. Nominations & New Members – Abby Johnson, Project Manager

4:00 – Adjourn

More information about the IDEA Part B State Advisory Panel is located at: <http://sde.ok.gov/sde/idea-b->

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)  
IDEA B State Advisory Panel  
Francis Tuttle Technology Center – Rockwell Campus  
1:00 PM- 4:00 PM  
Thursday, June 1, 2023

**Present**

JoAnne Blades, Aaron Bullock, Malissa Cook, Liberty Daniels, Michele DeBerry, Darci Forrester, Lynn Hodge, Heather Laine, Sharon Coppedge-Long, Bonnie McBride, Janice Morris, Jen Randle, Lori Wathen, and Lori Wieder

**Absent**

Latisha Coats, Kaylin Coody, Rita Echelle, Melinda Freundt, Marsha Herron, Darla Hill, Tiffany Jenkins, Tina Kaminski, Michelle Keiper, Michelle Koehn, Andrea Kunkel, Becky Moore, Sonya Parsons, Karen Reed, Ashley Rhoades, Allyson Robinson, Jennifer Robinson, Julie Sanders, and Terry Spigner

**State Department of Education Employees**

Sherri Coats, Nicole Herren, Abby Johnson, Madison Pollock, Tina Spence, and Melissa Vines

**Abby Johnson (OSDE): Welcome**

Abby Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

**Sherri Coats: OSDE Updates**

Sherri Coats began the meeting with a discussion of what the Office of Special Education Services is currently working on. She highlighted the following topics:

Agency Reorganization

- **Organizational Chart Changes**
  - The Oklahoma State Department of Education has recently undergone a reorganization. Job titles and departments now align with those of other state education agencies.

- Todd Loftin is now the Division Administrator of Teaching and Learning. He oversees the offices of Special Education Services, Standards and Learning, Early Childhood and Literacy, Assessment, SoonerStart, and American Indian Education.
- Special Education Services is now under the leadership of Sherri Coats, Tina Spence, and Nancy Goosen.

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ARP Learning Loss Funds

- One Time Funds available to address learning loss.
- The Office of Special Education Services has identified three areas of where the funds could be used:
  - State-wide MTSS module through EdPlan for progress monitoring math, reading, and behavior
  - Solution Tree to support 25 low performing districts' implementation of MTSS
  - Additional funds for 14–22-year-old secondary transition activities
- Panel members were asked to provide ideas on where they would like the funds to be used. Ideas included:
  - Expanding ESY
  - Behavioral Staff
  - Transition Support for 5<sup>th</sup> year Seniors
  - Teacher Training and Mentorship Programs
  - Expanding TechNow Programs

Panel Priorities Review

- **Secondary Transition**
  - HB1041, or the Alternate Diploma, was signed into law on April 19, 2023.
  - Course standards and objectives have been developed and are out for public comment.
  - Work continues with school districts and partnering organizations in the development and expansion of 18-22-year-old secondary transition programs.
- **Behavior/Discipline**
  - The Office of Special Education Services is working to build capacity in districts to address behavioral needs of students on IEPs.

- Dr. Scott Singleton, of the University of Central Oklahoma, in partnership with the Office of Special Education, is providing Behavior Science Training (BeST) to school districts.
- Asynchronous learning modules have been created for ABA and FBA training. All materials are accessed through OSDE Connect.
- **Teacher Shortage/Training**
  - Signing bonuses for eligible teachers.
  - \$3000-\$6000 teacher pay raises based on years of experience.
  - Targeted asynchronous teacher training can be accessed through OSDE Connect Modules. The training targets reading, math, and behavior.

### **Nicole Herren (OSDE): State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)**

Nicole Herren presented on the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP). The presentation highlights are summarized below:

- **Overview**
  - The SSIP is part of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)'s Results-Driven Accountability (RDA) initiative to improve results for children with disabilities by improving educational services, including special education and related services.
  - The SSIP is included in the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) as Indicator 17.
  - By FY 2025, Oklahoma will see improved early literacy skills for K-3 students in targeted low performing schools as identified by the state's ESSA plan.
- **Three Levels of Tiered Supports**
  - Tier One Supports provide access to materials that support evidence-based early literacy instructional practices, sustainable teaming, and data-driven decision making.
  - Tier Two Supports implement protocols and interventions to support student growth. Focusing on whole-school protocols to support change.
  - Tier Three Supports assist educators in the implementation of evidence-based practices in their classroom. Celebrating student-oriented results and educator success.

## **Madison Pollock (OSDE): State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG)**

Madison Pollock presented on the State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG). The presentation highlights are summarized below:

- **Overview**
  - The purpose of the SPDG is to support creation and implementation of the OKMTSS framework in districts.
  - Supports include technical assistance resources and guidance documents, learning modules, synchronous professional development, and direct system coaching.
- **OKMTSS Outcomes**
  - The intended outcomes include improved system implementation fidelity, reduction of inappropriate referrals to special education, and improved outcomes for students receiving intervention.
- **SPARK Initiative**
  - SPARK, Special Education Professional Advancement and Refining Knowledge, is an instructional coaching support for early career special educators.
  - One-year long support aligned to Jim Knight's impact cycle.
  - Coaching will focus on implementation of at least one evidence-based practice for behavior/classroom management and at least one evidence-based practice for instruction/academics
- **SPARK Outcomes**
  - Improved job satisfaction, teacher quality, compliance, and student outcomes in behavior and academics.

## **Abby Johnson (OSDE): Vice-Chair Nomination**

Panel members are encouraged to nominate a new vice chair for the 2023-2024 panel year. The vice chair will become the chair of the 2024-2025 panel. As well as lead all IDEA B Advisory Panel meetings, appoint committee members, serve on executive committee, and develop meeting agendas. The panel members were provided a survey link to nominate their selection.

## **Sherri Coats (OSDE): Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded, meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

## Appendix B

### Advisory Panel Members and Officers

Advisory Panel Chair – Darci Forrester

Advisory Panel Vice Chair – Michele DeBerry

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency/Title</b>
JoAnne Blades	Special Education Resolution Center
Jamie Brock	Oklahoma City Public Schools
Aaron Bullock	Person
Penny Cantley	Oklahoma State University
Latisha Coats	Oklahoma Parents Center
Kaylin Coody	Oklahoma Schools Advisory Council
Malissa Cook	Parent
Liberty Daniels	Oklahoma Department of Human Services
Darci Forrester	Parent
Melinda Fruendt	Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services
Cindy Gould	Parent
Marsha Herron	Oklahoma State School Board Association
Lynn Hodge	Oklahoma State University
Tiffany Jenkins	Parent / Decoding Dyslexia
Tina Kaminski	Parent
Michelle Keiper	Decoding Dyslexia
Jamie Lahey	EPIC Charter Schools
Amber Ledbetter	Teacher
Sharon Long	Oklahoma Parents Center
Bonnie McBride	University of Oklahoma Health Science Center

Becky Moore	Parent
Janice Morris	Oklahoma Disability Law Center
Sonya Parsons	Oklahoma Juvenile Association
Jen Randle	Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council
Mandy Seward	Teacher
Terry Spigner	University of Central Oklahoma
Lori Wathen	Parent
Linda Whaley	Oklahoma Department of Human Services
Lori Wieder	Parent

**Anticipated Vacancies**

Linda Whaley will be retiring in January of 2023.