

New York State

for Special Education Services

March 2-3, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Commissioner's Advisory Panel for Special Education Services (CAP) held its scheduled winter meeting on March 2-3, 2023, through a hybrid in-person/remote model at the New York State Education Department (NYSED) building in Albany, New York.

MEETING OF CAP, March 2nd at 12:00 P.M

- Members were informed

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Teacher/Provider Certification/Recruitment and Retention: The subcommittee continues to meet and has discussed the impact of the Students with Disabilities (SWD) (All Grades) certification and reviewed the certificate summary and frequently asked questions (FAQs) document provided on the Office of teaching Initiatives (OTI) webpage. The subcommittee has contacted Alana Wickware seeking information about support for Institutes of Higher Education (IHE) regarding the new certification. The subcommittee is interested in how the new certification will impact IHEs and the retention of staff who hold other special education certifications. Alison Conners informed members that Laura Glass, Senior Policy Advisory for Higher Education, will be providing updates on the new SWD certification at the May 2023 CAP meeting.

Least Restrictive Environment/Inclusion: The subcommittee has not met since the November 2022 meeting. The subcommittee chairperson reported needing additional/new membership.

Family Engagement: The subcommittee has not met since the November 2022 meeting. The subcommittee chairperson indicated support for the CAP subcommittee redesign with additional guidance from the CAP Executive Committee and a focus on addressing unmet needs.

Cap Bylaws

Chairperson Martorana provided a detailed review of the proposed changes to the following sections of the CAP Bylaws: Panel Duties, General Membership, Responsibilities of Members, Officers and Their Duties, NYSED Staff, Subcommittees, Meetings, Rules of Order, Amendments to the Bylaws. The proposed changes were previously discussed at the November 2022 meeting and a draft was shared with members prior to the March 2023 meeting. Vice Chairperson Williams asked members for a motion ~~draft was shared~~

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