



Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)  
Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services  
200 W. Baltimore Street, 9th floor, Baltimore, MD 21201  
(410) 767-7197  
Pamela Talley – Co-Chair  
Leanne Carmona – Co-Chair

# Maryland SESAC

SPECIAL EDUCATION STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

---

## Special Education State Advisory Committee General Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Attendees:** Miguel Reyes, Leanne Carmona, Kathy Kaufman, Pamela Talley, Tai Dillard, Sheila Billups, Kathy Barazotto, Joyce Abbott, Wendy Balda, Elisa Hartman, Marlene Powell, Karla Marty, Neal Lichter, Karleen Spitulnik, Dorie Flynn, Jennifer Brekke-Miles, Jill Pierce, Prakash Anthony, Rachel Stoyanov, Rene Averitt-Sanzone

**Guest:** Jeff Gladhill, Karla Marty

**Staff:** Carmen Brown, Branch Chief, Interagency Collaboration, Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Early Intervention and Special Education Services

Welcome and Introductions were offered by Leanne Carmona and Pamela Talley – SESAC Co-Chairs. All members in attendance in person and via webex were introduced. Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Leanne and Pam facilitated a discussion of the development of a Communication Tool for SESAC members, either through Google or using email. Discussion about not seeking to overwhelm people but wishing to share critical information for SESAC members. Leanne offered to take the lead on this effort.

Leanne, Pam and Carmen facilitated a discussion on how to best communicate between SESAC and SECAC leaders. Carmen will coordinate the receipt of the contact information for the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the SECACs in September.

Leanne and Pam talked about plans for 2019-2010 school year, including plans for a joint SESAC/SECAC meeting in December, regular meeting dates in September, October, January, March, and May. Additionally, the group discussed the possibility of group work to accomplish its goals. Carmen will send out a schedule of dates during the summer.

Karla Marty, MSDE, DEI/SES provided an update on the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) and Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) for the Committee.

Carmen Brown and Rachel London offered updates on legislation passed in the 2019 Maryland Legislative session. Bills reviewed by the DEI/SES as well as some that may be of interest were discussed. Bills noted included: HB611- Individualized Education Programs–Timeline for Independent Educational Evaluations; SB677/HB1384- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals–Support for Parents; HB725/SB766-Student Discipline-Restorative Approaches; HB1186/SB465-Nonpublic Schools-Fire Drill Requirements; SB318-School Safety Subcabinet Advisory Board; SB734-Students with Reading Difficulties–Screenings and Interventions; and SB1030/HB1413-The Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

A draft of the DEI/SES Supplement on Students with Disabilities/Student Behavior Interventions: Restraint and Seclusion was offered to the Committee to provide comments/suggestions. Suggestions should be forwarded directly to Leanne and Pam to compile and submit to the DEI/SES.

Public Comment was submitted in writing by Ms. Marian Williams, a parent of a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student with Autism in Prince George's County Public Schools and was read aloud by Carmen Brown.

The meeting was adjourned until September.