

MEETING MINUTES

Arizona State Board of Education  
Special Education Evaluations Ad Hoc Subcommittee

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona State Board of Education, the Special Education Evaluations Ad Hoc Subcommittee and to the general public that the Subcommittee will hold a meeting, open to the public, on **Monday, December 11, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.**

Please note the location of the **Monday, December 11, 2023**, Special Education Evaluations Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting: 1700 W. Washington St., Executive Tower, 3rd Floor Boardroom, Phoenix, AZ 85007. The public will have physical access to the meeting location 30 minutes before the Board meeting, at 8:30 A.M.

A copy of the meeting agenda is attached. The subcommittee reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings. One or more members of the subcommittee may participate telephonically or virtually.

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Written comments will not be read into the record; however, staff will post all written comments received by the deadline on the Subcommittee's agenda by **Monday, December 11, 2023 at 8:00 AM**.

DATED AND POSTED this 4th day of December, 2023.

By:



Sean Ross

Executive Director

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**1. UPDATED: State Board Ad Hoc Special Education Evaluations Subcommittee: Brief Overview and Meeting Logistics**

*Committee Meeting called to order at 9:04 am.*

Sean Ross, Executive Director for the State Board of Education, presented to the Committee.

Attendees:

Colette Chapman, Subcommittee Member  
Jenny Clark, Subcommittee Member  
Clark Crace, Subcommittee Member  
Amanda Glass, Subcommittee Member  
Dr. Scott Hagerman, Subcommittee Member (virtual)  
David Jefferson, Subcommittee Member  
Tina Kauffmann, Subcommittee Member  
Karla Philips-Krivickas, Subcommittee Member *left the meeting at 10:58 am; returned at 10:59 am*  
Dr. Matthew Moix, Subcommittee Member  
Richard Murphy, Subcommittee Member  
Heather Pierson, Subcommittee Member  
Dr. Marsha Spencer, Subcommittee Member (virtual) *left the meeting at 10:48 am*  
Charlotte Taylor, Subcommittee Member  
Dr. Erin Testa, Subcommittee Member  
Christopher Tiffany, Subcommittee Member

Executive Director Ross took attendance. The Committee has a quorum.

Executive Director Ross gave an overview of the Subcommittee and noted that Subcommittee meetings are recorded and livestreamed and viewable on the Board's Youtube channel.

**A. Introduction of Special Education Evaluations Subcommittee members, facilitators, and Board staff**

Executive Director Ross introduced this agenda item.

Sean Ross, Executive Director for the Arizona State Board of Education, introduced himself.  
Rorie Fitzpatrick, Senior Managing Director at WestEd, and Director of the National Center for Systemic Improvement, introduced herself.

Colette Chapman, Associate Superintendent over Exceptional Student Services at the Arizona Department of Education, introduced herself.

Dr. Marsha Spencer, school psychologist and professor at the University of Arizona, introduced herself.

Christopher Tiffany, Executive Director at Raising Special Kids, introduced himself.

Dr. Erin Testa, Psychologist and licensed School Psychologist at Gentry Pediatric Behavioral Services, introduced herself.

Dr. Matthew Moix, Coordinator of Psychological Services for Gilbert Public Schools and President of the Arizona Association of School Psychologists, introduced himself.

David Jefferson, Founder of Parent Support Arizona and Board Chair for Council of Parents Attorneys and Advocates, introduced himself.

Richard Murphy, of the Law Office of Richard Murphy, introduced himself.

Heather Pierson, Attorney at Udall Shumway, introduced herself.

Amanda Glass, Attorney at the Arizona Center for Disability Law, introduced herself.

Clark Crace, President of Arizona Autism Charter Schools, introduced himself.

Tina Kauffmann, Director for a preschool-8<sup>th</sup> district and President for AZ CASE, introduced herself.

Charlotte Taylor, Behavioral Health Coordinator for the Cochise County School Superintendent's Office, introduced herself.

Jenny Clark, Founder of Love Your School and State Board of Education Member, introduced herself.

Dr. Scott Hagerman, Superintendent of the Tanque Verde School District and State Board of Education Member, introduced himself.

Karla Philips-Krivickas, CEO and President of Inclusive Strategies and State Board of Education Member, introduced herself.

Executive Director Ross introduced Board Staff.

#### **B. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Special Education Evaluations Subcommittee**

Executive Director Ross called for nominations for Chair of the Special Education Evaluations Subcommittee.

Karla Philips-Krivickas nominated Dr. Scott Hagerman as Chair for the Special Education Evaluations Subcommittee.

A motion was made to nominate Dr. Scott Hagerman as Chair for the Special Education Evaluations Subcommittee.

Motion passed: 14:0

Motion made by: Jenny Clark

Motion seconded by: Karla Philips-Krivickas

Voting:

Colette Chapman - Yes

Jenny Clark - Yes

Clark Crace - Yes

Amanda Glass - Yes

Dr. Scott Hagerman - *abstained*

David Jefferson - Yes

Tina Kauffmann - Yes

Karla Philips-Krivickas - Yes

Dr. Matthew Moix - Yes

Richard Murphy - Yes

Heather Pierson - Yes

Dr. Marsha Spencer - Yes

Charlotte Taylor - Yes

Dr. Erin Testa - Yes

Christopher Tiffany - Yes

Executive Director Ross called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Special Education Evaluations Subcommittee.

Subcommittee Member Taylor nominated Jenny Clark as Vice Chair for the Special Education Evaluations Subcommittee.

A motion was made to nominate Jenny Clark as Chair for the Special Education Evaluations Subcommittee.

Motion passed: 14:0

Motion made by: Charlotte Taylor  
Motion seconded by: Karla Philips-Krivickas

Voting:

Colette Chapman - Yes  
Jenny Clark - *abstained*  
Clark Crace - Yes  
Amanda Glass - Yes  
Dr. Scott Hagerman - Yes  
David Jefferson - Yes  
Tina Kauffmann - Yes  
Karla Philips-Krivickas - Yes  
Dr. Matthew Moix - Yes  
Richard Murphy - Yes  
Heather Pierson - Yes  
Dr. Marsha Spencer - Yes  
Charlotte Taylor - Yes  
Dr. Erin Testa - Yes  
Christopher Tiffany - Yes

*The Committee Meeting took a break at 9:25 am.  
The Committee Meeting*

**C. Presentation and discussion of Open Meeting Law**

Executive Director Ross introduced this agenda item and Lou Caputo from the Arizona Attorney General's Office.

Lou Caputo, Attorney for the Arizona Attorney General Office presented on this agenda item to the Subcommittee.

Executive Director Ross provided clarification on this item.

Lou Caputo continued presenting.

Executive Director Ross provided clarification regarding public comment for the purpose of the Special Education Evaluations Subcommittee.

Lou Caputo continued presenting.

**D. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to establish norms for the Special Education Evaluations Subcommittee**

Executive Director Ross introduced this agenda item.

Subcommittee Members and Executive Director Ross identified norms for the Special Education Evaluations Subcommittee.

A motion was made to adopt the norms as presented for the Special Education Evaluations Subcommittee.

Motion Passed: 15:0

Motion Made by: Amanda Glass  
Motion Seconded by: Tina Kauffmann

Voting:

Colette Chapman - Yes  
Jenny Clark - Yes  
Clark Crace - Yes  
Amanda Glass - Yes  
Dr. Scott Hagerman - Yes  
David Jefferson - Yes  
Tina Kauffmann - Yes  
Karla Philips-Krivickas - Yes  
Dr. Matthew Moix - Yes  
Richard Murphy - Yes  
Heather Pierson - Yes  
Dr. Marsha Spencer - Yes  
Charlotte Taylor - Yes

Dr. Erin Testa - Yes  
Christopher Tiffany - Yes

**E. Presentation and discussion of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) requirements for evaluations for special education**

Executive Director Ross introduced this agenda item.

Rorie Fitzpatrick, Subcommittee Co-Facilitator presented on this item to the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee Members discussed this agenda item.

**F. Presentation and discussion of foundational understandings of the Special Education Evaluations Subcommittee**

Executive Director Ross presented on this agenda item.

Rorie Fitzpatrick presented on this agenda item.

Executive Director Ross continued presenting on this agenda item.

**G. Presentation and discussion of Subcommittee members' feedback on areas in need of focus**

Executive Director Ross presented on this agenda item.

Subcommittee Members identified areas of focus for the Subcommittee.

*Member Dr. Spencer left the meeting at 10:48 am*

Subcommittee Members identified areas of focus for the Subcommittee.

*Subcommittee Member Philips-Krivickas left the meeting at 10:58 am.*

*Subcommittee Member Philips-Krivickas returned to the meeting at 10:59 am.*

Subcommittee Members identified areas of focus for the Subcommittee.

**2. Summary of current events, future meeting dates and items for future agendas**

Executive Director Ross made comments about the upcoming Special Education Evaluations Subcommittee on Thursday, February 1, 2024.

*Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.*