

State Special Education Advisory Committee (SSEAC) Meeting December 3-4, 2026

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Agenda

Thursday, December 3, 2026, Full Committee Meeting

- 8 - 9 a.m. **Working Breakfast for SSEAC Members and Invited Guests**
- 9 - 9:15 a.m. **Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions**
Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair
- Welcome
 - Announcements
 - SSEAC Members and VDOE Introductions
 - Approval of Meeting Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes from previous SSEAC Meeting
 - Approval of 2027 SSEAC meeting dates
 - Executive Committee Member Nomination
- 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. **State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report**
Dr. Jamie Sears, Special Education State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Reports (SPP/APR) Specialist, VDOE
- 10:15 - 11 a.m. **Subcommittee Meetings**
- Family Engagement and Community Outreach**
Kellie Lockerby, Subcommittee Chair

Policy and Regulation

Dr. Ann Bueche, Subcommittee Chair

Student Achievement and Student Outcomes

Dr. Dani Murray, Subcommittee Chair

- Review the previous meeting's constituency reports and identify issues that the subcommittee might need to address
- Open discussion

NOTE: We welcome visitors to move between subcommittee groups and observe. However, they are asked to refrain from participating in subcommittee meeting discussions and activities. Any comments that visitors may find relevant to the subcommittee's goals and objectives can be addressed through the public comment period at the next SSEAC meeting or sent to the SSEAC email, at SSEAC@doe.virginia.gov.

11 - 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 - 11:50 a.m.	From Recruitment to Retention: VDOE Mentor Teacher Strategies in Special Education <i>Shawna LeBlond, Director Office of Apprenticeships, VDOE</i>
11:50 a.m.- Noon	Report on Follow-up to Public Comment from Previous Meetings <i>Dr. Chiquita Seaborne, Family Engagement Specialist/Special Projects Coordinator, VDOE</i>
Noon - 1 p.m.	Working Lunch • Discuss subcommittee goals/objectives
1 - 1:30 p.m.	Call to Order and Public Comment Period <i>Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair</i> • Refer to SSEAC Public Comment Guidelines
1:30 - 2:15 p.m.	Constituency Reports <i>Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair</i> • All representatives give an overview of their organizations and roles • All representatives report on their constituency concerns
2:15 - 3 p.m.	Subcommittee Meetings
3 - 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m.	Reconvene as Full Committee <i>Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair</i>
3:15 - 4:45 p.m.	State Council of Higher Education for Virginia: Disability Access Legislation and Policy Findings from 2026 <i>Sarahbeth Dries, Associate for Finance Policy and Innovation, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)</i>
4:45 - 5 p.m.	Open Discussion <i>Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair</i>

- Subcommittee briefings

5 p.m. Adjourn

Friday, December 4, 2026, Full Committee Meeting

8 - 9 a.m.	Working Breakfast for SSEAC Members and Invited Guests
9 - 9:10 a.m.	Call to Order and Review/Approval of the Agenda/Announcements <i>Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair</i>
9:10 - 10 a.m.	Inclusion in Early Childhood Special Education <i>Dr. Dawn Hendricks, Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator, VDOE</i>
10 - 10:30 a.m.	VDOE Updates <i>Dr. Samantha Marsh Hollins, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Special Education and Specialized Populations, VDOE</i>
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 - 11:30 a.m.	Subcommittee Meetings
11:30 - 11:50 a.m.	Reconvene as Full Committee <i>Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair</i> • Subcommittee briefings • Open discussion
11:50 a.m. - Noon	Future Meeting Agenda Discussion <i>Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair</i> • Determine future topics
Noon	Adjourn

Upcoming Meeting Dates

2027 Dates To Be Determined (TBD)