

State Special Education Advisory Committee (SSEAC) Meeting September 17-18, 2026

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Agenda

Thursday, September 17, 2026, Full Committee Meeting

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| 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Announcements• SSEAC Members and VDOE Introductions• Approval of Meeting Agenda• Approval of Minutes from previous SSEAC Meeting |
| 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. | Specially Designed Instruction
Dwana Cooper , Coordinator of Specially Designed Instruction, Office of Special Education Instructional Services, VDOE |
| 10:15 - 10:30 a.m. | Break |
| 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Dual Enrollment Courses in Virginia's Public School Settings
Brittany Everett , Postsecondary Access and Success Specialist, VDOE |

- 11:30 - 11:55 a.m. **Resource Updates**
Hallie Bereny, Coordinator of Special Education Due Process and Dispute Resolution Development, *Office of Dispute and Resolution, VDOE*
- 11:55 a.m.- Noon **Report on Follow-up to Public Comment from Previous Meetings**
Dr. Chiquita Seaborne, Family Engagement Specialist/Special Projects Coordinator, VDOE
- Noon - 1 p.m. **Working Lunch**
 - Discuss subcommittee goals/objectives
- 1 - 1:30 p.m. **Call to Order and Public Comment Period**
Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair
 - Refer to SSEAC Public Comment Guidelines
- 1:30 - 2 p.m. **Constituency Reports**
Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair
 - All representatives give an overview of their organizations and roles
 - All representatives report on their constituency concerns
- 2 - 3 p.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

Executive Committee Nominations
Dr. Anne Bueche, Subcommittee Chair

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.

- 3 - 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. **How VDOE Supports Teacher Training After a Monitoring Review**
Kendra Belcher, Coordinator, Special Education Monitoring and General Supervision, VDOE
- 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. **Subcommittee Meetings**
- 4:45 - 5 p.m. **Reconvene as Full Committee**
Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair
 - Open discussion

5 p.m. Adjourn

Friday, September 18, 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*
Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair

9:10 - 9:40 a.m. **VDOE Updates**
Dr. Samantha Marsh Hollins, Deputy Superintendent,
Department of Special Education and Specialized Populations, VDOE

9:40 - 10:45 a.m. **VDOE Partnerships with Institutions of Higher Education**
Dr. Zenia Burnett, Director, Office of Special Education Instructional Services,
VDOE

10:45 - 11 a.m. Break

11 - 11:30 a.m. Subcommittee Meetings

11:30 - 11:50 a.m. **Reconvene as Full Committee**
Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair

- Subcommittee reports
- Open discussion

11:50 a.m. - Noon **Future Meeting Agenda Discussion**
Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair

- Determine future topics

Noon Adjourn

Upcoming Meeting Dates

December 3-4, 2026, Full Committee Meeting