

State Special Education Advisory Committee (SSEAC) Meeting July 15-17, 2026

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Agenda

Wednesday, July 15, 2026, Executive Committee Members Only

- 5 - 6 p.m. **Dinner for Executive Committee and Invited Guests**
- 6 - 8 p.m. **Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair**
- Welcome
 - Approval of agenda
 - Review Annual Report to the Board of Education
 - Establish SSEAC 2026-2027 goals
 - Review Bylaws
 - Review Subcommittee Assignments
 - General discussion
 - Adjourn

Thursday, July 16, 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
- 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. **Special Education Parent Ombudsman Report**
Peter Grabwoski, Special Education Parent Ombudsman, VDOE
- 10:15 - 10:20 a.m. **SOP Annual Plans**
Tracie Coleman, Director, Office of Special Education Finance and Budget (FAB), VDOE
- 10:20 - 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. **Annual Report on Dispute Resolution**
Patricia Haymes, Director, Office of Dispute Resolution, VDOE
- 11:30 - 11:55 a.m. **Bylaws review and committee assignments**
Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair
- 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. **Indicator 14-Overview and Data**
Patricia Morgan, Coordinator of Secondary Transition, VDOE
- 3 - 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 - 4 p.m. **SSEAC Annual Report**
Dr. Dannette Murray, Past SSEAC Chair
Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair

4 - 4:45 p.m.

Subcommittee Meetings

Family Engagement and Community Outreach

Open, Subcommittee Chair

Policy and Regulation

Open, Subcommittee Chair

Student Achievement and Student Outcomes

Open, Subcommittee Chair

Executive Committee Nominations

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.

4:45 - 5 p.m.

Reconvene as Full Committee

Dr. Kristi Schabo, SSEAC Committee Chair

- Open discussion

5 p.m.

Adjourn

Friday, July 17, 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. *Dr. Samantha Hollins, Deputy Superintendent, Department of Special Education and Specialized Populations, VDOE*
- 9:40 - 10:45 a.m. Subcommittee Meetings
- 10:45 - 11 a.m. Break
- 11 - 11:20 a.m. Subcommittee Meetings
- 11:20 - 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

September 17-18, 2026, Full Committee Meeting
December 3-4, 2026, Full Committee Meeting