

SD ADVISORY PANEL ON CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES MINUTES



Date: September 11, 2025

Time: 9:00-4:00pm

Location: MacKay Library Commons, Pierre

Board Members Present

LeAnne Bawek, Kiley Cumbow, Kayla Farlee, Mary Ann Fleury, Katie Gran, Jamie Herman, Heather Hinnners, Katie Larson, Stacey Meyer, Brian Poelstra, Julie Tipton, Jessica Vogel, Kelsey Weismantel, Janet Whiting, Darcy Peterson

Board Members Absent

Kristi Bunkers, Emily Quick, Elizabeth Welfl

Staff Members Present

Wendy Trujillo, Linda Turner, Janet Penticoff

Call to order and Introductions at 9:00 a.m.

LeeAnn Bawek, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. Introductions were made.

Agenda:

- Jamie Hermann moved to approve the September 11, 2025, agenda. Katie Gran seconded.
- Motion carried

Approval of October meeting minutes:

- Kayla Farlee moved to approve the June 18, 2025, minutes. Mary Anne Fleury seconded.
- Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- None

Agenda Item: Election of Officers

- Chairperson: Julie Tipton nominated LeeAnne Bawek as Chairperson. Mary Anne Fleury second the nomination.
- Vice Chairperson: Kayla Farley nominated Mary Ann Fleury as Vice Chairperson. Jamie Hermann second the motion.
- Katie Gran made the motion to cease nominations and cast unanimous ballots for LeeAnn for Chairperson and Mary Anne for Vice Chairperson. Stacey Meyer second the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Code of Conduct

- Members reviewed Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest form and returned a signed copy.

Agenda Item: Personal Attendant Rate

- Mary Anne Fleury made a motion to adopt the personal attendant rate of \$15.74. Katie Larson second. Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Annual Report

- Pages 5-9 report what the Advisory Panel has been working on over the year and detail of each meeting.
- Members will have an opportunity to respond to the annual report before it is sent to the Governors Office.

Department Secretary Welcome

- Dr. Graves welcomed the Advisory Panel and gave an overview of what has been happening within the Department of Education.

Department of Education Updates:

- Linda Turner discussed the state determinations. The federal Office of Special Education Programs issues annual state determinations based on the current years State Performance Plan data submitted for FFY 23. The state determinations were based on data from the 2023-2024 school year, with some lag data from 2022-2023. South Dakota fell within the Needs Assistance category for the second year.
- Wendy Trujillo gave an overview of the Dispute Resolution 2024-25 Results:
*The IDEA requires state educational agencies (SEA) to have procedures in place to offer dispute resolution when a parent or school district disagree over special education services provided under IDEA. SEAs are required to offer mediation, written state complaint (investigations) and Due Process Hearing and Expedited Due Process Hearing. Some other options in South Dakota are IEP Facilitation and the SD Parent Connection Navigator Program.
- The interagency agreements are current and no updates have been made.
- Wendy Trujillo reviewed the list of Department of Education professional learning opportunities.

Agenda Item: Learning Platform Overview

- Beth Schiltz gave an overview of the Professional Learning Platform and available professional development.

Agenda Item: Priority Area Development

- The Advisory Panel reviewed the objectives and the proposed letter for the Needs Assessment Survey for Special educators. After discussion, questions for the survey and letter was drafted.

Meeting Take Away for Annual Report

- Dr. Graves welcome and update
- Linda's updates and support
- Election of Officers
- Updated personal attendant rate
- Learning platform
- Resource list for professional development
- Work accomplished on priority area goals

Next Meeting:

- January 8, 2026, in the Library Commons in Pierre.
- April 9, 2026, meeting in Pierre

Adjournment at 1:03 PM.

- Heather Hinnars moved to adjourn the meeting. Stacey Meyer seconded.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.