

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Meeting Minutes

Virtual: [Zoom Link](#)

8:30 am–4:30 pm

May 21–22, 2024

Walla Walla Center for Children and Families
1150 West Chestnut, Walla Walla, WA

Open Meeting | 8:30 am–9 am (30 min)

Presenter(s):

- Call to order - **Tammie Jensen-Tabor, Executive Chairperson**
 - Land Acknowledgement - **Jen Chong Jewell, Executive Vice-Chairperson**
 - Text 907-312-5085 or [click here](#) to identify Native Lands on which you are currently located and please add to the chat box to honor the Native Lands.
 - Introduction of members - **Tammie Jensen-Tabor, Executive Chairperson**
 - Review agenda, SEAC [Bylaws](#) and [Group Norms](#) – **Diana Marker, Executive Member**
 - Review and accept minutes from February 2024 meeting - **Jen Chong Jewell, Executive Vice-Chairperson**
 - **Action Item(s):** Review and accept February 2024 minutes. Minutes were accepted by Tanya Cochran and agreed upon by Vanessa Tucker. Minutes will be published online.
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Welcome WWCCF Team | 9 am–9:15 am (15 min)

Presenter(s): Ryan Guzman

- **Action Item(s):** Introduced the WWCCF team.
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WWCCF presentation/tour | 9:15–10 am (45 min)

Presenter(s): Barb Casey, Special Education Director; Brent Cummings, Director

- Brent talked about the history of the WWCCF. He discussed what programs are offered.
 - Brent took the SEAC members for a tour of the building. He was able to allow the virtual participants to be a part of the tour by conducting it virtually
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Walla Walla Special Education Team Presentation | 10:00 am–10:30 am (30 min)

Presenter(s):, Barb Casey Executive Director of Special Education

Barb presented about the Walla Walla SD special education program. Statement made from one of the SEAC members that they were curious about disaggregating those data around placement. Barb mentioned that she would get that information.

She talked about the special education teacher development and retention.

KESE grant recipient – 2 years

WEA Teacher Residency – 4 residents in the 23-24 school year.

Post-School Outcomes | Center for Change in Transition Services | Seattle University <https://www.seattleu.edu/ccts/post-school-outcomes/>

Break | 10:30 am (15 min)

Early Childhood Special Education Updates | 10:45 am–11:30 am (45 min)

Presenter(s): Ryan Guzman

Public Comment | 11:30 am–Noon

Presenter(s): Tammie Jensen-Tabor

Topic(s): All regular meetings of the Special Education Advisory Council are open to the public. The public is encouraged to attend and may give comment only during the designated public comment time frame on the agenda.

The Special Education Advisory Council can be addressed on any matter, but only during the public comment portion of the meeting. Please be aware that the SEAC is not required to respond to any comments, and generally does not.

When it is time for Public Comment, the Executive Chair will ask who is interested in participating, please let the Chair know of your desire to make comment. You will be called on when it is your turn. Each participant will have three (3) minutes for remarks. If the comment is longer than three minutes, the Chair has the responsibility to stop the speaker, and move forward with the next person.

If there is no one interested in giving public comment, the agenda will move forward to the next item on the agenda.

Working Lunch | Noon–12:30 pm

Standards Review & IPTN Team Update | 12:15–1 pm (45 min)

Presenter(s): Cassie Martin, Tania May, Alexandra Toney, Angela Allen, and Kara Todd

Break | 1 pm (15 min)

Due Process Update & Shifting the Burden of Proof | 1:15 pm–2:15 pm (60 min)

Presenter(s): Alyssa Fairbank

- Burden of proof is the burden of production. Burden of persuasion.
 - How will this impact due process? The change in burden of proof will impact how districts engage in due process hearings. We may see an increase in due process filings. Districts should continue conducting comprehensive evaluations, developing, and implementing high quality IEPs based on student-specific needs, monitoring student progress on IEP goals, and gathering student-specific data.
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Break | 2:15 pm (15 min)

Annual Report & Recommendation Writing | 2:30–4 pm (90 min)

Presenter(s): Executive Team

Discussion about the setup for Community Forum | 4–4:15 pm (15 min)

Summary of Actions | 4:15 pm–4:30 pm (15 min)

Presenter(s): Tammie Jensen- Tabor

- **Topic(s):**
- **Action Item(s):**

Day Two

Date and Time: May 22, 8:30 am–4:30 pm

In-Person Location: Walla Walla Center for Children and Families (WWCF), Walla Walla WA

Virtual: [Zoom Link](#)

Open Meeting | 8:30 am–8:45 am

Presenter(s): Tammie Jensen-Tabor

Legislative Updates | 8:45 am–9:30 am (45 min)

Presenter(s): Tania May, and David Green

Annual Report Writing & SEAC 2024–25 Focus

Areas/Recommendations | 9:30 am–10:30 am (60 min)

Presenter(s): Executive Team

- **Action Item(s):** Wrap up the report and write Focus Areas and Recommendations for 2024–25.
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Break | 10:30 am (15 minutes)

Special Education Funding| 10:45 pm–11:30 pm (45 min)

Presenter(s): Tania May

- **Topic(s):**
 - **Action Item(s):**
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Discussion about Community Forums in 2024–25 | 11:30 pm–Noon (30 min)

Presenter(s): Diana Marker and Melanie Ingram

Debrief community forum from the May 21 forum. It was successful. Taking ideas on how to get the word out for community forums. How to invite the community.

August meeting will be a executive team workgroup and they will go over planning for upcoming meetings.

Working lunch | Noon–12:30 pm

Discussion around Annual Report and writing recommendation papers

| 12:30 pm–2 pm (90 min)

Presenter(s): Executive Team – Executive Team

- **Topic(s): Draft recommendation report or position paper**
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Summary of Actions| 2 pm–2:30 pm

Presenter(s): Tammie Jensen-Tabor

- **Topic(s):**
- **Action Item(s):** Make changes to the annual report by May 31. The final report sent to Superintendent Reykdal no later than July 1.
- The August meeting is canceled for members. The Executive Team will meet in August for meeting planning.

Adjourn 2:30 pm