



# Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Meeting Minutes

8:30 am–4:30 pm  
October 22–23, 2024  
SMART Center | 6200 NE 74th Street, Suite 110  
Seattle, WA 98115

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## Open Meeting | 8:30 am

- 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 the Native Lands on which you are currently located and please add to the chat box to honor the Native Lands. Jen Chong Jewell read the University of Washington land acknowledgment.
- Introduction of members - **Tammie Jensen-Tabor, Executive Chairperson**
- Review agenda, and SEAC [Bylaws](#) – **Diana Marker, Executive Member**
  - Tammie went over the agenda with the group. She also talked about the community forum.
    - She went through the bylaws about the role of the SEAC.
- Reviewed and accepted minutes from the May 2024 meeting - Motion to accept the minutes by Jeff Brown and Laura Staley.

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## Welcome SMART TEAM Presenter(s): Tania May

- Tania introduced the SMART center and Team
  - Kelsey Schmitz introduced Dr. Aaron Lyon
    - Video was shown introducing the SMART Center

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## Disability Month | Presenter(s): Jen Chong-Jewell

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## Community forum planning

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## Washington Education Association (WEA) | Presenter(s): Annie Lamberto, Jackie Brown, Maren Johnson, Jackie L

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## Public Comment | Presenter(s): Tammie Jensen-Tabor

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## Focus on goals and agenda topics for the year | Presenter(s): Executive team

Members offered ideas for goals and agenda topics for the year. These will be added to

the annual report.

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### **Time for workgroups Presenter(s): Executive Team**

Workgroups for this year:

Legislative workgroup – Sam, Diana, Jen

Process and procedures for public comment – Natasha, Tammie, Tanya

Community forum planning – Sam, Laura, Diana

Add these subtopics to the workgroups –

Transition

Community family engagement and transition – asking this question in each workgroup

Restraint and isolation Inclusionary practices –

Discipline data

Bilingual reports

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### **SMART TEAM | Presenter(s): SMART TEAM**

- **Dr. Aaron Lyon – director of SMART Center**
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### **Summary of Actions| Presenter(s): Tammie Jensen- Tabor**

- **Adjourned**

## **Day Two**

**Date and Time:** May 23, 8:30 am–4:30 pm

**In-Person Location:** SMART CENTER

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### **Open Meeting | 8:30 am Presenter(s): Tammie Jensen-Tabor**

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#### **Legislative Updates Presenter(s): Tania May**

- Tania May reported the OSEP audit and what that will look like. SEAC is interested in having a report from the audit. The report will hopefully be ready for publication in February 2025.
  - Tania May reported that OSPI shared the first batch of student information from the consent form with state transition agencies in October 2024. Tammie Jensen-Tabor reported that Centralia successfully accomplished the task. Request for talking points for the schools to speak with parents would be helpful with the consent form.
  - The Legislature provided funds in the 2023–25 supplemental operating budget to conduct a feasibility study for a statewide IEP system. The study is in process and will be completed by June 30, 2025.
  - Alyssa Fairbanks reported that in May 2024, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a ruling in *N. D. v. Reykdal*, concluding that the availability of adult-education programs triggers an obligation under the IDEA to provide special education services to 21-year-old students eligible for special education through their 22nd birthday. Updates on the status of the case, funding related to serving this population, and legislative action related to state regulations will be shared ongoing, as additional information becomes available.
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#### **Seattle Public Schools Presenter(s): Devin Gurley and Toni Bader Seattle Public Schools**

- **Toni Bader, Seattle Public Schools presented about SHAPE Washington and Adapted Physical Education (APE)**
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#### **Pre-ETS | Presenter(s): Pablo Villarreal**

**Executive Session to discuss legal questions Presenter(s): Executive Team and members**

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## Focus areas and recommendations & workgroups | Presenter(s):

### Executive Team – Executive Team

- Legislative group – Tania will provide information to bring to the Legislative update scheduled for January 14, 2025.
- Community forum – What was learned in the forum on Tuesday, October 22.  
High School and Beyond plan.  
LS – Families said they have been told by SD, “we don’t do it that way” and the family members said, “we should be doing it that way because this fits my student.”  
SF – parents expressed that they didn’t know what their student could do post HS. Somebody should have had a conversation with the parent with resources. Parents feel like they don’t have the resources needed for their student to succeed post HS. Also, what rights does the adult post HS person have to a successful transition into the world for the rest of their lives. Questions about students have not been given a college pathway during HS. Confusion when some families think their student is going to college and it turns out they are not going because of changes made by teacher/school along the course of the student’s HS career.  
Tammie Jensen-Tabor – Helping parents to understand a diploma is part of the transition plan.  
Melanie Ingram expressed that the parents said they just didn’t feel like they had the resources for their student to succeed. They didn’t even know what to ask.  
Haley said there is a need to have a planning checklist for the community forum. Clarity around the focus of the NEXT community forum. Decide on a timeline for planning purposes.  
Workgroup will meet together prior to December 13th and then will meet with Executive team on December 13th regarding planning for the February community forum.
- **Public Comment planning–**
  - Steps for getting written comment out to the council
  - We may not respond but want community to know we received it and encourage the public.
    - Possible video for those who sign up for public comment explaining how public comment is done and what they can **expect or not expect**.
- **FOCUS Areas for upcoming year:**

February meeting – nominations, elections, citizens complaint process, school to work programs.

May meeting will be in Tri-Cities – location to be determined

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**Summary of Actions Presenter(s): Tammie Jensen-Tabor**  
**Adjourn 2:30 pm**