

**Continuing Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2023- Hybrid Meeting
9:00 AM – 11:06 AM**

CAC Attendees: Agatha Thibodeaux, Amy Litzinger, Susan Nichols, JoAnn Wofford, April Estrada, Aaron Bangor, Diana Nelson, Kevin Markel, Adrian Guerra, Janie Melendez, Tara Cervalloas, Lori Brown Duncan

CAC Absentees: Marissa Esquivel, Claudia Cavazos

Texas Education Agency: Stephanie Koch, Keith Swink, Kristin McGuire, Dawn Vanderhule, Michelle Reeves, Terry Harrison

9:00 Welcome and Opening-Amy Litzinger, CAC Chair

Quorum was reached at 9:07, Amy Litzinger opened the meeting and reviewed meeting guidelines, and agenda for the day. Quorum was present.

- <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/special-education/programs-and-services/continuing-advisory-committee-for-special-education>

9:20 Updates by Kristin McGuire TEA, Senior Director of Special Education Policy, Programs, and Reporting

Update on the Special Education

- Data requests from last meeting,
 - Section 504 numbers for school year 2002-2023 and how calculations are made.
 - Dyslexia Accommodations Data Points.
 - Supplemental Special Education Services Update
 - Dyslexia Handbook changes made by June 30, 2024

Update by Keith Swink TEA, Complaints Director

- Special Education Complaints Findings, Federal Fiscal Year 2023
 - 979 formal special education complaints, 67% were sufficient
 - Primary Areas of Noncompliance
 - IEP Implementation
 - Restraint/Time out
 - Certified Personnel

Update by Dawn Vanderhule, TEA Technical Assistance Team and Michelle Reeves, TEA State Dyslexia Coordinator

- Overview on House Bill 3928, it impacts dyslexia evaluation, identification, and instruction.
- All resources found at: www.TEA.TEXAS.GOV/DYSLEXIA
- The Bill modifies TEC § 7.102(c)(28)
- All updates to the Dyslexia Handbook must be made by June 30, 2024

Update by Terry Harrison TEA Head of Travel

- Travel reimbursement updates for CAC members

10:40 Public Comment

Steven Aleman – **Disability Rights Texas**

- Steven addresses restraint and seclusion issues are rising for students with disabilities in classrooms and calm rooms. Drilling down into who and why.

10:45 Discuss CAC's Legislative Report

Discuss, Legislative Report / Work Groups and Break out session

- Digital issues
- Staffing
- Behavior
- Formatting
- Dyslexia
- Funding
- Justice
- Health and Safety
- Special Session Issues

10:52 Discuss Possible Future Meeting Dates and Take Possible Action on Current and Future Topics

- Set the Annual Planning Meeting for February 23, 2024
- Address the committee makeup
- Information on the 18+ program
- Legislative Report Updates
- Seizure Protocols Implantation for LEAs

11:06 Motion to Adjourn

Adrian Guerra made a motion to adjourn. Tara Cervillos seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:06.