

**Continuing Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2020-Zoom Meeting**

**CAC Attendees:** Agatha Thibodeaux, Shemica S. Allen, Laura Villareal, Amy Litzinger, Teresa Bronsky, Stephanie Martinez, Alicia Giordano, Jen Stratton, Laurie Rodriguez, Jana McKelvey, Ray Tijerina, and Rachel Dreiling

**CAC Absentees:** Jana Burns, JoAnn Wofford, Elizabeth Donaldson

**Texas Education Agency:** Sandra Serna, Keith Swink

**1:02 Welcome and Opening-Agatha Thibodeaux, CAC Chair**

Agatha Thibodeaux opened the meeting, reviewed meeting guidelines, and agenda for the day. Quorum was present.

**Discussion, recommendations, and possible action on CAC 2021 Legislative Report-Agatha Thibodeaux**

Legislative report subcommittees reported on their recommendations.

High School Graduation Requirements/Funding of 18+ Transition Programs-Laura Rodriguez shared the subcommittee's recommendations regarding VAC class being a state credit. Laurie will forward the document/emails with the subcommittee's notes and recommendations to the CAC email address to be forwarded to all CAC committee members.

Data Privacy-Jana McKelvey shared the subcommittee's recommendations regarding FERPA and students with disabilities. Laurie shared an example (fake profile) student in eSped and what personal information is collected on each student. Jana will forward a document with the subcommittee's notes and recommendations to the CAC email address to be forwarded to all CAC committee members.

**1:36 Public Comments-Agatha Thibodeaux**

No public comments.

**1:40 Discussion, recommendations, and possible action on CAC 2021 Legislative Report continued-Agatha Thibodeaux**

Mental Health-Laura Villareal shared the subcommittee's recommendations regarding emotional disturbance. Laura will forward the document with the subcommittee's notes and recommendations to the CAC email address to be forwarded to all CAC committee members.

Teacher Certification & Paraprofessionals Qualifications/Training-Shemica S. Allen shared the subcommittee's notes and recommendations. Alicia Giordano shared her concerns about instruction/virtual learning for students who cannot attend school because of medical conditions & COVID-19 and if their instruction would be delivered by certified teachers or third-party vendors. Shemica will forward the document with the subcommittee's notes and recommendations to the CAC email address to be forwarded to all CAC committee members.

Dispute Resolution: IEP Facilitation & Impartial Hearing Officers-Jen Stratton shared their subcommittee has not had a chance to meet but will have recommendations to report at the July meeting.

**Discussion, recommendations, and possible action on current minutes and future meeting topics-Agatha Thibodeaux**

Future meeting topics include Amy's presentation on how she advocates for her needs in various settings and how paraprofessionals were utilized in her education, TEA representative presenting on TEA's response to COVID-19 regarding special education, committee members reporting to the committee on what is working & not working for stakeholders in their community in regards to virtual/distance learning, and Jen's presentation on standardized testing and how it impacts special education. Current minutes were reviewed and accepted by the Committee at 2:55.

**2:56 Motion to Adjourn**

Jen Stratton made a motion to adjourn. Teresa Bronsky seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:56.