

Continuing Advisory Committee (CAC) for Special Education Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2025 9:00 am

CAC Attendees: Tara Cevallos, Adrian Guerra, Marissa Esquivel, Diana Nelson, Amy Litzinger, Agatha Thibodeaux, Kevin Markel, Janie Melendez, Claudia Cavazos, Aaron Bangor

CAC Members Absent: Sheryl Kubala, April Estrada, Lori Brown-Duncan

Texas Education Agency (TEA): Laura Briones, Brittany Brettschneider, David Mapps, Dawn Reeves

9:11 Begin Meeting - Laura Briones reviewed member duties and responsibilities.

9:12 Amy Litzinger reviewed the agenda.

9:13 Legislative Updates: Discipline David Mapps

- TEC, 37.995(b)
- TEC 37.005(b-1)
- TEC, 37.005(b-2)
- TEC, 37.005 (b)

9:18 Michelle Reeves gave an update on Dyslexia

- There is a proposed administrative code TEC 89.1055
- CAC members Janie Melendez and Tara Cevallos asked questions about fidelity of programs used.

9:37 Laura Briones gave TEA updates

- Cameras in the Classroom Survey window closes Dec. 12
- Several proposed rules moving through the rulemaking process now with public comment periods starting and ending in December

9:45 Steven Aleman, Disability Rights Texas

- Disability Rights Texas has resources for parents regarding camera usage and requests
- [Report an Incident and Request a Recording Sample Letter - Disability Rights Texas](#)
- Requesting the CAC to request a briefing from TEA on HB2 and SB568 which will be effective 2026-2027 and the changes to Special Education law.

9:52 Amy Litziner reviewed sub-committee assignments

Sub Committee Members:

- Digital Access-Aaron Bangor, Kevin Markel, Claudia Cavazos
- Staffing- Janie Melendez, Marissa Esquivel, Adrian Guerra, April Estrada
- Behavior- April Estrada, Adrian Guerra, Marissa Esquivel, Diana Nelson, Amy Litzinger
- Educational Representative- Amy Litzinger, Agatha Thibodeaux, Lori Brown-Duncan
- Formatting- Amy Litzinger, Aaron Bangor, Agatha Thibodeaux

- Dyslexia- Tara Cevallos, Janie Melendez, Adrian Guerra, April Estrada
- Funding-Adrian Guerra, Amy Litzinger, Janie Melendez
- Justice-Amy Litziner, Kevin Markel, Lori Brown-Duncan
- Health and Safety-Marissa Esquivel, Amy Litzinger, Janie Melendez

Sub-Committee Chairs will contact members in January.

Upcoming Topics

- Janie Melendez would like to see a presentation from TEA on Teacher-Student Ratio, specifically on teachers providing services in life skills or self contained classrooms.
- Amy proposed that a short introduction of CAC member responsibilities be added to the agenda.

10:14 Next CAC meeting set for February 19 , 2026
May 14, 2026

10:27 Amy Litzinger moved for the approval of minutes. Adrian Guerra seconded motion. CAC members approved minutes.

10:29 Adrian Guerra moved to adjourn the meeting. Amy Litzinger seconded motion. CAC approved.