



# State Advisory Panel For Special Education

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**MINUTES**  
**State Advisory Panel Meeting**  
**May 8-9, 2015**  
**Macon Marriott, Macon Georgia**

**May 8, 2015**

Time	Events																							
1:00 - 1:30	Welcome Panel Member Introductions	<p>Brian Mosley, Chair and Kyle Berry, Vice-Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed members</p> <p><b><u>The following panel members were present</u></b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Uzoma Anadu</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Scott Bales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rita Barnes</td> <td>Kimberleigh Beard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kyle Berry</td> <td>Susan Brown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steve Derr</td> <td>Juree Hall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pam Hunter Dempsey</td> <td>Linda Meiring</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brian Mosley</td> <td>Mike Newton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sue Riner</td> <td>Danette Rogers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Patricia Sayeh</td> <td>Laura Shyman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Laurie Smith</td> <td>Karen Thrasher</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paul West</td> <td>Natalie Whitlow</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donnie Winokur</td> <td>Jeff Allen</td> </tr> </table>	Uzoma Anadu	Scott Bales	Rita Barnes	Kimberleigh Beard	Kyle Berry	Susan Brown	Steve Derr	Juree Hall	Pam Hunter Dempsey	Linda Meiring	Brian Mosley	Mike Newton	Sue Riner	Danette Rogers	Patricia Sayeh	Laura Shyman	Laurie Smith	Karen Thrasher	Paul West	Natalie Whitlow	Donnie Winokur	Jeff Allen
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1:30 - 2:30	Updates on State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)	The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) will implement a State Systemic Improvement Plan, "Student Success," in FY16 to improve graduation outcomes for Students with Disabilities (SWD). Ms. Gay talked about the 2014 salient data trends and barriers that negatively impacted the postsecondary outcomes.																						
2:30 - 3:00	<b>BREAK &amp; CHECK-IN</b>																							
3:00 – 4:00	Legislative Updates	<p>Howard Hendley, Director of Policy</p> <p>Reported on proposed bills as they relate to education with particular emphasis on HB 209 relating to the "Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act," so as to revise provisions relating to notification of parents of eligible students as to scholarship options; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</p>																						
6:00 - 7:00	<b>DINNER (provided)</b>																							
7:00 – 8:00	Public Comment	Public comment will be limited to 5 minutes or less depending on the number of individuals signed up to provide comment.																						

**May 9, 2015**

Time	Events	
7:30 - 8:15	<b>BREAKFAST (provided) &amp; CHECK-OUT</b>	
8:15 – 9:15	Committee Meetings & Reports	All committee met and reported on current activities and recommendations
9:15 – 10:15	P2P & Me	Laurie Smith, Support Services Manager Parent to Parent of Georgia  Laurie presented on seven core services: 1. Special Needs Database 2. Roadmap to Success 3. Supporting Parents 4. One-On-One Assistance 5. Navigator Project 6. Free Trainings 7. On-Line Opportunities
10:15 - 11:15	GaDOE Updates	Deborah Gay gave updates on the GaDOE Special Education Division and congratulated SAP members who are rotating off the State Advisory Panel.
11:15 – 12:	Planning	Planning for FY16 meeting, agenda items, etc.

Please note that the times listed above are approximate and may change except the public comment period. Every effort is made to begin the public comment at the appointed time. Pursuant to proposed Panel Policies and Procedures, a full 30 minutes is always allowed even if the start has been delayed. Comment time is limited to 5 minutes per speaker so that all have a chance to be heard. For individuals desiring to make comment via telephone conference call, comment time needs to be scheduled with the SAP Chair a minimum of 3 business days prior to the meeting.