 SEAC

# Special Education Advisory Council

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# Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Virtual Meeting

January 10, 2025 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

The Special Education Advisory Council will be meeting virtually using interactive conference technology. The public is welcome to participate as follows:

**Public In-Person Meeting Location**Disability and Communication Access (DCAB) Office  
1010 Richards Street, Room 118  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Participate Virtually via Zoom**

Click on the link below or copy and paste it into your browser window:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86840541868>

**Join by phone**

Dial: (346) 248-7799

Meeting ID: 868 4054 1868

**Public Testimony/Input from the Public**

Members of the public may present comment or testimony during Council meetings on each agenda item prior to any deliberation by the Council.  Members or the public are also welcome to provide verbal testimony/comments on any subject related to the delivery of special education services during the agenda item “Input from the Public.”  Public input is limited to 3-5 minutes per individual unless the individual has a communication disability that requires more time.  Any person who needs additional time to present testimony or comments is encouraged to contact the SEAC office in advance of the meeting.  This rule shall be placed at the beginning of all Council meetings.

**Written testimony/comments** - To ensure the public as well as SEAC members can review testimony prior to the meeting, written testimony should be submitted 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date and time.  Any written testimony submitted after such time will be distributed to the members and the public at the meeting.  Written testimony may be submitted by one of the methods listed below:

·      By email to: [spin@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:spin@doh.hawaii.gov)

·      By U.S. Postal Mail:  SEAC, 1010 Richards Street, Room 118, Honolulu, HI 96813

·      By facsimile to: (808) 586-8129

*Mandated by the* ***Individuals with Disabilities Education Act***

**AGENDA\***

9:00 a.m. A. Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call/Introductions

9:05 a.m. B. Input from the Public

9:20 a.m. C. Announcements

1. February 2025 Deusdedi Merced workshop and Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) presentation
2. Process for Chapter 19 revisions
3. Ed Plan parent portal

9:35 a.m. D. Alternatives to Suspensions of Special Education Students by Staff from the

Office of Student Support Services

10:20 a.m. E. Leading by Convening around Special Education Preschool Services

1. Defining the issues (Office of Special Education Programs guidance on preschool least restrictive environment, communication with parents, consistency of service options, evidence-based practices involving play, staffing issues, etc.)
2. Small group discussions around prioritizing issues
3. Future process for doing the work together

11:00 a.m. F. Approval of Minutes for the December 13, 2024 Meeting\*\*

11:10 a.m. G. Agenda Setting for the February 14, 2025 Meeting\*\*

1. The Department of Education’s Budget request and legislative priorities
2. Presentation by Deusdedi Merced on *pro se* updates, initial evaluations, and Hawaii and Mainland due process trends
3. Other

11:20 a.m. H. Update on SEAC Video on *Positions vs. Interests*

11:30 a.m. I. Infographic Work Groups

12:00 p.m. J. Adjournment

\* See page 1 for options for participation by internet, phone or in person.

\*\*Action Required

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Upon request, this notice is available in alternate/accessible formats.

The agenda and meeting materials for this meeting are available for inspection in the Special Parent Information Network (SPIN) office located at 1010 Richards Street, Room 118, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 and on SEAC’s website at: <https://seac-hawaii.org>.