



SEAC
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NOTICE OF MEETING

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Meeting

May 8, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Public In-Person Meeting Location

Office of Student Support Services
475 22nd Avenue, Building 302, Room 226
Honolulu, HI 96816

Participate Virtually via Zoom

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84510469491> and enter Meeting ID: 845 1046 9491

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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 of the public are also welcome to provide written or 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 agenda item 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 – There is no deadline for submission of testimony, however, to ensure the public as well as SEAC members can review testimony prior to the meeting, written testimony is requested no later than 9:00 a.m. one business day prior to the scheduled meeting date and time. Written testimony may be submitted by one of the methods listed below:

By email to: spin@doh.hawaii.gov

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

By facsimile to: (808) 586-8129

AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. A. Call to Order/Welcome
- 9:05 a.m. B. Roll Call and Introductions
- 9:15 a.m. C. Input from the Public
- 9:30 a.m. D. Due Process Report on Due Process Hearing Requests and Hearing Decisions, Written Complaints and Mediations from School Year 24-25 to present by Staff from the Monitoring and Compliance Branch (MAC) and Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)
This annual report highlights the utilization of the procedural safeguards related to dispute resolution under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) by parents of students with disabilities in Hawai‘i.
- 10:00 a.m. E. HIDOE Graduation Requirements Spring Listening Sessions Led by Staff from the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Design (OCID)
Participants will connect with the new HIDOE Vision for the Public High School Graduate and share how they believe current school experiences align with the core pillars of this new vision, then provide specific feedback on 4 key design questions. A revised timeline will be shared.
- 11:00 a.m. F. Membership Issues by Steven Vannatta, SEAC Membership Committee
The Committee will share its recommendations for new parent members—Daniela Bond-Smith, Regina Corniel, Shana Cruz and Jackie Jackson—and a new representative from the Office of Homeless Concerns—Lillian Segal. The Committee will recommend Susan Wood and Martha Guinan to serve a one-year term as Chair and Vice Chair respectively for SY 26-27 and also take nominations from the floor for these positions. Members will then vote to elect a Chair and Vice Chair and to forward nominations of new members to Superintendent Hayashi for consideration of appointment.
- 11:15 a.m. G. Review of Minutes from the 2/13/26 and 4/24/26 SEAC Meetings*
- 11:25 a.m. H. Agenda Setting for August 2026 SEAC Meeting and Discussion of the SY 26-27 Schedule of Meetings*
- 11:35 a.m. I. Announcements
- 11:45 a.m. J. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation and Small Group Discussions Regarding Annual Report Recommendations (includes lunch)**
The Special Education Director will award SEAC members with a Certificate of Appreciation by Superintendent Keith T. Hayashi followed by a discussion of draft recommendations to be included in the SY 25-26 SEAC Annual Report.
- 12:30 p.m. K. Adjournment

*Action required.

** Lunch is an integral part of this planning meeting.

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SEAC meetings utilize the Leading by Convening process developed by the IDEA Partnership.

As we discuss agenda items, the following questions are considered:

1. Who cares about this issue and why?
2. What work is already underway?
3. What shared work can inform and unite us?
4. How can we deepen our connection?

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