



**Austin ISD Special
Education Family
Advisory
Committee (SEFAC)**

Minutes for December 2, 2025

Opening Statement: The Special Education Family Advisory Committee met at the **Central Office 4000 S. I-H 35 Frontage Rd. Austin, TX 78704** on **December 2, 2025**. Some members also joined through Zoom.

Meeting Details:

- **Meeting Date:** December 2, 2025
- **Meeting Time:** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- **Meeting Location:** Central Office 4000 S. I-H 35 Frontage Rd. Austin, TX 78704

SEFAC Members (Attendance)

Name	Member Type	Vertical Team	Status (P/NP)
Patricia Benigno Ruiz	Parent	Navarro ECHS	NP
Ricardo Bentin	Parent	Bowie HS	P
Molly Barker	Parent	Crockett ECHS	NP
Sarah Blyth	Parent	McCallum HS	NP
Alasin DeVeney	Elem SpEd Teacher	Joslin ES	P
Nikki Hempe	Parent	Akins HS	P
Natalie Johnson	Parent	McCallum HS	P
Jami Kirkland	MS SpEd Teacher	Burnet MS	P
Dr. Cherry Lee	Interim Asst Sup SpEd	District	P
Allyson Mangum	Parent	Unique Vert Team	NP
Kellie Marino	Supervisor of SpEd	District	P

Elexa Martinez	Parent	Ann Richards	P
Dr. Mary Anne Maxwell	Asst Sup K-12 Acad	District	NP
Kristin Mijares-Levy	HS SpEd Teacher	Bowie HS	NP
Vanessa Morgan Valdovinos	Parent	McCallum HS	NP
Beth Pasko	Parent	Akins HS	P
Bree Rolfe	Family Engage Spec	District	P
Daisy Saldua	Parent	Northeast ECHS	NP
Kara Schultz	Elementary Principal	Ridgetop ES	NP
Randi Shade	Parent	Unique Vert Team	NP
Laura Sykes	MS/HS Asst Principal	Burnet MS	NP
Deb Trejo	Parent	Austin HS	P
Trasell Underwood	Parent	LBJ HS	P

Visitors/Community Members/AISD Staff

- Sherry Marsh - TEA Monitor
- LeAnn Marie Lebron - Parent
- Lisa Flores - Parent
- Denisha Presley - AISD District Staff
- Adam Ramirez - AISD District Staff
- Maud Maldonado - AISD District Staff

Meeting Agenda and Discussion

1. Call to Order, Attendance, Quorum (6:02 PM)

- 1.1. **Call to Order:** Jami Kirkland called the committee to order at 6:02 PM.
- 1.2. **Quorum:** A quorum was met (12 members present).
- 1.3. **Approval of the Minutes:** Kellie Marino called a motion to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.
- 1.4. **Membership Updates:** Kellie Marino provided updates, reminding members to

complete applications for expiring memberships and requesting outreach for additional members.

- **Action:** Kellie Marino will send an update to members with new term status and vertical teams needing representation.
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2. Member Comments / Public Comments (6:05 PM)

- **2.1. Member Comments:**

- **Ricardo Bentin:** Discussed workgroups (Technology), requesting feedback from parents on desired technology tools/platforms (e.g., lack of accessible platform) and requested to join the tech work group.
- **Beth Pasko:** Requested full access to student IEP information as a parent and noted the lack of platform access after documents expire.
- **Elexa Martinez:** Raised concerns about incident reports and correspondence from the school district.
- **Alasin DeVeny:** Advocated for flexibility in document delivery to meet families' various needs.

- **2.2. Public Comments:**

- **LeAnn LeBron:** Expressed concern about ECSE services and compliance, citing readiness issues post-graduation. Also raised concerns about central placements overburdening classrooms, creating out-of-ratio situations, and lack of support.
 - **Lisa Flores:** Raised concerns about the consolidation plan affecting documents and the doubling number of SPED students. Recommended education for administration on the process/framework for inclusive practices, co-teach classrooms, and adjusting the TEA co-teach framework. Also reported witnessed instances of IEP adjustment outside of the ARD committee and questioned the interpretation/maintenance of FERPA laws regarding record access.
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3. Feedback Session on Assistant Superintendent of Special Education Programs (6:33 PM)

- **3.1. Feedback Session:** Denisha Presley and team provided resources and requested feedback on the **Assistant Superintendent of Special Education Programs position**.
 - **Deadline:** Members have until **December 5th** to submit feedback via the form.
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4. Discussion: Consolidation Plans for Special Education (6:36 PM)

- 4.1. **Update:** Kellie Marino shared the consolidation plans update and links to the public-facing documents.
 - 4.2. **Discussion:** Led by Deb Trejo and Jami Kirkland.
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5. Planning: SEFAC Committees/Work Groups Setup and Goal Setting (7:09 PM)

- 5.1. **Work Group Setup:** Deb Trejo shared the framework. Members joined groups, and a lead was appointed for each.
 - 5.2. **Goal Setting:** Led by Deb Trejo and Jami Kirkland.
 - Each committee/work group set an intention.
 - **Action:** Leads will contact members and begin work before the next meeting.
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6. Strategic Plan Updates & Review

- Due to time, **no Strategic Plan Updates** were made.
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7. Future Agenda Items, Closure, and Adjourn (7:28 PM)

- 7.1. **Future Agenda Items:** Led by Deb Trejo.
 - 7.2. **Closure:** Led by Jami Kirkland. The next meeting will be on **January 27th at Central Office**.
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8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at **7:32 PM**.