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Kansas Special Education Advisory Council

SEAC, April 22, 2026

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Docking State Office Building

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SEAC Website <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=561>

Website for Public Comment Information <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=561>

Functions:

- Advise the State Education Agency (SEA) of unmet needs within the state in the education of children with disabilities;
- Comment publicly on any rules and regulations proposed by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities;
- Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the secretary under Section 618 of the Act;
- Advise the SEA in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal Monitoring reports under Part B of the Act; and
- Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities
- Review and comment on completed due process hearing findings.

AI - Action Item DI - Discussion Item RI - Receive Item II - Information Item

TIMES	Item detail	Topics shared	Presenters
9:00 AM		Call to Order Roll Call	Lena Kisner Alysha Nichols
9:05 AM	AI	Approvals • Agenda (April 22, 2026) • Minutes for January 13, 2026 • Minutes for January 14, 2026 • Annual Report for 2024-2025	Lena Kisner
9:10 AM	II	Public Comments	Lena Kisner
9:15 AM	DI/II	Legislative Update	Frank Harwood
9:35 AM	DI/II	School Mental Health Coalition	Trish Backman
10:05 AM		Break	Microphones Off Please
10:20 AM	DI/II	SPP/APR DMS & KIAS Updates	Brian Dempsey Melissa Valenza
11:20 AM	DI/II	Commissioner Update	Jake Steel
11:30 AM	DI/II	Director Update	Bert Moore
12:00 PM		Lunch	Microphones Off Please
12:45 PM	DI/II	FHSU Low/High Incidence Program Report	Chris Jochum Jerrie Brooks
1:00 PM	DI/II	State of the State for SPED	Bert Moore Lena Kisner

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1:30 PM	DI/AI	Thank you for serving SEAC: Expiring SEAC Memberships Marvin Miller Jennifer Kucinski Jennifer Kurth Brandon Gay	
1:40 PM	DI/AI	2 nd Term Eligibility SEAC Memberships	SEAC Membership
1:50 PM	DI/II	Elect Chair Elect	SEAC Membership
2:20 PM	DI/II	Ex-Officio Member Reports - Families Together - KASEA - DRC - KSBOE - KSSB - KSSD - KNEA Other	Lesli Girard Ashley Enz Mike Burgess Melanie Haas Jon Harding Luanne Barron Anna Bradley
2:45 PM	II	Virtual Schools	Lena Kisner
3:00 PM		Information for upcoming June Leadership Conference and SEAC Meeting June 23	Joyce Broils
		Adjourn	

Next Meeting:

June 23, 2026, 9:00 to 3:00 at the June Leadership Conference. Wichita Hyatt Regency, 400 W Waterman, Wichita, KS 67202. The conference is being held June 24 – 25, 2026.

URGENT INFORMATION BELOW – PLEASE READ

The Kansas Department of Education operates on a fiscal year that runs from July 1 through June 30. To complete all required documentation and finalize departmental close-out procedures, the system typically closes near the end of May.

As a result, any travel occurring during the month of June must be what they refer to as “encumbered” in advance. Encumbrance allows the fiscal department to allocate and reserve the necessary funds to cover reimbursement expenses during the year-end closing process.

Please note that you need to notify me no later than May 15, 2026, of your need for travel reimbursement or I will not have sufficient time to complete the required encumbrance paperwork. Without this process, the fiscal department will be unable to set aside funds for your reimbursement, and **you will NOT be reimbursed for your travel expenses.**

If you plan to attend the June SEAC meeting in person, the June Leadership Conference, or any other event for which SEAC will provide travel reimbursement during the month of June, please notify me **as soon as possible.**

If you have ANY questions, please don’t hesitate to ask. My contact information is at the top of the first page. Thank you and I appreciate your prompt replies.