



Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Commission

Special Education Meeting Minutes

Date: June 25, 2025

Time: 4-5pm

Location: Zoom Link

Facilitator: Committee Chair, Yvonne VanLowe

Attendees:

Yvonne VanLowe
Tracy Craig
Margie Parrott
Sue Hartung
Carmen Zahra
Jake Didinsky
Crystel Britto

Minutes:

- Yvonne called meeting to order
- Crystel will submit a public data request (data request included in our April 2025 letter to MCPS & the BOE) to MCPS using the MPIA @mcpsmd.org email address. Margie to send website info the Crystel for review.
- We discussed the draft advocacy priority sent in advance of the meeting. Yvonne will update the language to reflect the following: inclusion of Montgomery County members of MANSAP (Maryland Association of Non Public Special Education Facilities and MCPS Two part event - First is a virtual listening session to understand the community needs, experiences and challenges. The second event is a advocacy workshop incorporating the learnings from the listening lesson Need to incorporate data. Jake to share data he has. Include positive events/activities already in place to IDD community Sessions not limited to parents and/or caregivers; include educators and all in the IDD community
- We discussed the draft priority to create a MCPS workgroup to address communication and accountability for special education students. Goal is to ensure that there is a process to alert parents about their students' progress towards their goals prior to the progress report or end of the year. We agreed to first share this recommendation with Dr. Cage during our next meeting with her (targeting August 2025) No edits to the draft policy at this time.
- Please review the attached draft priorities and share any edits/updates. We would like to finalize our priorities by our July meeting.

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- Meeting adjourned

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