

**SUMMARY**  
**November 8, 2024**  
**Indiana State Advisory Council (SAC)**  
**on the Education of Children with Disabilities**  
 Online Virtual Meeting

**Call to Order**

Nancy Holsapple called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. A quorum (eleven of twenty members) attended.

P	Kim Dodson	A	Aleesia Johnson	P	David Reed
A	Bethany Ecklor	P	Donald Koors	P	Michelle Robinson
P	Anthony England	A	Jonathan Kraeszig	A	Tiffany Sanders
A	Paloma Garza	P	Kristi Linson	P	Christopher Stilwell
A	Dennis Heathfield	P	Dr. Dawn McGrath	A	Sarah Watson
P	Dr. Nancy Holsapple	P	Molly McGuire	P	Lucy Witte
P	Funmi Ige-Wright	A	Dr. Leah Nellis		

P- Present A-Absent

Invited Guests: Lesa Paddack, Mendi Cooley

IDOE members: Dr. Nancy Holsapple, Michelle Oja, Taylor Ellison

Dr. Holsapple started the meeting by explaining how Melania Grant is no longer in her position with the Department of Child Services and therefore may no longer serve as chair. Before the March meeting, a new chair will be appointed.

Dr. Dawn McGrath and David Reed, new council members, introduced themselves.

**Action Items**

- Funmi Ige-Wright motioned to approve the June Meeting summary, and David Reed seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Kim Dodson motioned to approve the September meeting summary, and Lucy Witte seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Information Items**

- Dr. Holsapple thanked Lesa Paddack for her service on the commission.
- Taylor Ellison shared information about the Indicator 4A targets. The targets need to be updated because the methodology has been updated.
- Dr. Holsapple shared an update on staffing for the Office of Special Education. The Assistant Director of Monitoring and Compliance position is open, and interviewing is still ongoing.
- The Office of Special Education has begun a monthly [Director's Symposium](#).
- PowerSchool IIEP Updates
  - DOE staff will be trained in the Spring

- Schools will receive training from PowerSchool
- The official rollout will be in the Fall of 2025
- OSE is collaborating with PCG on transferring data to the new system
- Behavioral Grant Application is open
  - LEAs applying for the grant must create a theory of action and need to dig into their data as part of the grant application process.
  - Part B funds are being used, so only students with disabilities can be a part of the activities funded by the grant award
  - IDOE is holding office hours to support those who wish to apply for this grant
  - This is a competitive grant, and applicants' submissions will be scored based on their submissions
  - Funmi Ige-Wright asked a question: I am interested in understanding how we make sure that the intent of the use is effective
    - Dr. Holsapple explained that applicants will submit data related to their theory of action. Following the grant cycle, they will submit a reflection form that includes data from their goals in their Theory of Action
- September Education Gala Award Recipients
  - Dr. Holsapple explained that the Exceptional Learner Award is for special education staff who have worked for at least 3 years
  - The Exceptional Learner Educator Award winner was Emily Weaver from Greenfield High School

### **Discussion Items**

- The Hoosier Workforce Resources has been updated and will be posted to the website. - Thanks to Kim Dodson and Molly McGuire for their work on this.

### **SAC Member Concerns**

None.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Next SAC Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2025. Materials will be emailed to council members before the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Lesla Paddack motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, and Lucy Witte seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.