

SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT ADVISORY PANEL
FOR
EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION
2023-2024
STEERING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 31, 2023
1498 N.E. 2nd Avenue
EdFed Federal Credit Union
2nd Floor Conference Room
Miami, FL 33132
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The duties of the Steering Sub-Committee are to gather and report information to the Panel Chairperson in order for the Panel to: (1) outline the annual priorities for the general Panel meetings and other Panel activities; and (2) inform the general membership about successes and opportunities/ needs for improvement in the operation of the Panel. The Steering Sub-Committee is comprised of the Panel's Officers, the District-level administrators/staff and the other Panel Sub-Committee Chairs.

As a sub-committee meeting with no quorum requirement, invitees can participate either virtually (see link below) or in-person. For attendees who plan to attend the meeting physically, the meeting will be held at 1498 N.E. 2nd Avenue, EdFed Federal Credit Union, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Miami, FL 33132.

Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/92818198563?pwd=UGlQUtJDa04rUzdmSmtDWWdvdU9rZz09>
Passcode: ESE

Call to Order	Ernie Martinez, Chair
Welcome and Introductions of Panel Members and Guests	Panel Staff Liaison
Agenda Review	Ernie Martinez
<u>Discussion:</u>	Ernie Martinez
Proposed Schedule of Panel/Sub-Committee Meetings	
Topics for Panel Meetings	
Structure of Meetings	
Meeting Wrap-Up, Adjournment	Ernie Martinez

Panel Meeting

Date: September 21, 2023

Time: 11:00 am- 1:00 pm

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Physical Location: TBD

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools
STEERING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION
August 31, 2023**

**EdFed Credit Union
1498 N.E. 2nd Avenue
Miami, Florida 33132
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Members Present
Enrique Escallon, First Vice Chairperson (Physical)
Dr. Kelli Hunter-Sheppard, M-DCPS (Physical)
Bianca Malagon, Parent (Virtual)
Laurie Malman, Honorary Member (Virtual)
Ernie Martinez, Chairperson (Physical)
Gisel Prado, Miami Parks/Recreation (Virtual)
Maria Ratti (Physical)
Dr. Lissette Rodriguez, M-DCPS (Physical)
Elias Seife (Physical)
Patrick Salmasi, M-DCPS (Physical)
Mark Thompson, Special Olympics (Physical)
Alicia Walford, Parent Education Network (Virtual)

Members Absent
Sandy Ames
Rosa Baria Barbara
Michelle Cumming
Beverly Heller
Anthony Julio
Brenda Lampon
Yvonne Leon
Amanda Ley
Lynn Miskiel
Sandra Rancano
Christina Rodriguez

Shirkyla Trimble

Kathy Vergara

Hermine Wilson-Lang

School Personnel Present

Ava Goldman (Virtual)

Olga Gonzalez-Olivera (Physical)

Jose Gregoire (Virtual)

Giselle Mendieta (Physical)

Ray Novo (Physical)

AnSeing Partridge (Physical)

Marie Sellek (Virtual)

Natalie Tappert (Physical)

Angie Torres (Virtual)

Beth Warman (Physical)

Guests

Silvia Calderon, Special Olympics (Physical)

Claudia Lequerica, Special Olympics (Physical)

Randall Flagler, Miami Dade Parks (Virtual)

Noemi Betancourt, Advocacy Network and Disabilities (Physical)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 AM.

Welcome and Introduction of Panel Members/Guests

Mr. Ernie Martinez, Chair welcomed all members and guests.

Agenda and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Agenda was reviewed and approved. Mr. Martinez explained the purpose of the meeting (discuss topics for panel meetings, and structure of meetings).

Discussion:

Proposed Schedule of Panel/Sub Committee Meetings

- Proposal of schedule of panel meetings was reviewed.
- All dates were approved including March 14, 2024.
- Mr. Martinez requested to discuss the times for the meetings and asked if panel felt comfortable with the 11:00 a.m. time.
- Proposed times of 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. were approved.

Topics for Panel Meetings

Mr. Salmasi explained the structure of previous meetings. The new proposal topics are as follow:

- September-District Updates
- November (previously Mental Health shared with new initiatives)- Legislative updates
- January-Review of budget
- March-Mental Health
- May-Discuss Summer Programs

It was proposed that a presentation on staff retention be considered, and for summer programs to include discussions on internships. Mr. Salmasi confirmed that what she was asking was for us to have Human Capital, and internship and Summer Youth Internship be discussed.

Legislative discussions began in September. Immigration students are impacting ESE. Question was raised by Mr. Escallon as to how we are going to identify students who are coming in and who have not been previously identified. This would impact all children and all needs. This discussion will be added to the September topic. Dr. Hunter explained that the District follows certain procedures when it comes to speakers of other languages and how to identify students not based on their language, age for placement, and procedures for placement in ESE for those coming from other countries. Mr. Escallon discussed the impact of mental health for some of these students who have experienced certain things in their countries. Dr. Hunter suggested that maybe FASCO can come to discuss procedures for placement for these students.

It was proposed that the panel discuss after-school care for students in ESE and that the district provide a presentation on after-school care. Mr. Salmasi indicated that we would arrange through School Operations to see who would be responsible for that.

It was proposed that panel discuss transition and different deferment programs.

It was proposed that transportation for students with special needs be discussed.

Mr. Salmasi indicated that another proposed schedule will be prepared and presented to the large group and they will approve at general meeting.

It was proposed to consider to have additional meeting for District updates in October or another time. Mr. Salmasi asked if we could put together a tentative schedule for these District updates and we could examine during the meeting.

It was proposed that the Advanced Academics presentation be presented during the November meeting.

Structure of Meetings

Mr. Salmasi reviewed the structure of meetings from previous year. He asked that the Steering Committee express how they want it to be changed.

Mr. Martinez indicated that he wanted to propose a different format which would include input from the public at the beginning of the meeting. People have concerns and issues and he wants it to be more welcoming to the public allowing for comments. He indicated that usually there is a very limited time for public comments. He proposed 15 minutes for public comments (2 minutes per person, but no more than 4 minutes).

It was proposed that the District creates the rules for the public input session and share with the group for discussion.

It was recommended that community entities have a time to share what they are doing.

- Mr. Thompson, Special Olympics shared that Miami Special Unified Team Broward and Miami groups traveled to New York and competed. They met with Leo Messi.
- Randall Flagler on behalf of Miami-Dade Parks has opened two new after-school programs at Ojus and Kendall Lakes Park for students with disabilities. He will share more information with Mr. Salmasi.
- Ms. Ratti expressed that she is obsessed in trying to get more parents here and that we are losing agencies. She feels we need to discuss this during the Engagement sub-committee meetings.
- Dr. Hunter asked if anyone moves to adjourn. Mr. Seifre moved, Mr. Escallon second, and everyone present agreed. No one opposed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.