

**WEST CARROLL PARISH  
2024-2024 Annual Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)  
Report**



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## What is the purpose of [LEA]'s Special Education Advisory Council?

R.S. 17:1944 requires local public school systems to create a special education advisory council to provide advice and feedback regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources. The council shall also engage in outreach activities to the community at large to increase the level of knowledge, support, and collaboration with respect to special education.

## Members and Roles

Member	Role
Katrina Hendry	Parent
Angela Rouse	Parent
Brandy Murphy	Parent
Lessie Jones	Parent
John Rober Warner	Principal, Teacher or Paraprofessional
D. And.	High School Student with a Disability
Bethany Elkins	Entity That Serves Students with Disabilities
Stephanie Johnson	Chairperson-Special Education Supervisor

## 2024-2025 Meetings, Agendas, Minutes

January 7, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.	West Carroll Media Center	<a href="https://www.wcpsb.com/SpecialEducationAdvisoryCouncil.aspx">https://www.wcpsb.com/SpecialEducationAdvisoryCouncil.aspx</a>
February 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.	West Carroll Media Center	<a href="https://www.wcpsb.com/SpecialEducationAdvisoryCouncil.aspx">https://www.wcpsb.com/SpecialEducationAdvisoryCouncil.aspx</a>
March 24, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.	West Carroll Media Center	<a href="https://www.wcpsb.com/SpecialEducationAdvisoryCouncil.aspx">https://www.wcpsb.com/SpecialEducationAdvisoryCouncil.aspx</a>

## General Meeting Information

West Carroll Parish Schools Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) met on the dates below at the West Carroll Parish Media Center. All meetings were open to the public for those interested in the special education services provided by West Carroll Parish Schools. Meeting notices were emailed to the members.

## **Summary of Meetings**

### **January 2025**

Attendance—SEAC Members present: Stephanie Johnson, Brandy Murphy, Lessie Jones, and John Robert Warner. Also present was Dr. Christy Boyte, Superintendent. Absent: Katrina Hendry, Angela Rouse, D. And., and Bethany Elkins. The new members of the SEAC were introduced. The following areas of focus for the 2024-2025 school year were discussed: How to increase parental awareness, get parents/guardians involved, ensure students who receive special education services are not left out of any activities or events, and explain “The Special Education Process”.

### **February 2025**

Attendance—SEAC Members present: Stephanie Johnson, Angela Rouse, Brandy Murphy, John Robert Warner, and Bethany Elkins. Absent: Katrina Hendry, Lessie Jones, and D. And. The new Louisiana Department of Education was presented and the navigation to the Special Education tab was shown to the attendees. Louisiana’s Educational Rights of Children with Disabilities Processes and Procedural Safeguards was provided to the members. The Special Education Playbook was also introduced and discussed.

### **March 2025**

Attendance—SEAC Members present: Stephanie Johnson, Brandy Murphy, Lessie Jones, John Robert Warner, D. And. Angela Anderson, and Christy Boyte. Absent: Katrina Hendry, Angela Rouse, Bethany Elkins. A presentation, via Zoom, was presented by Families Helping Families organization and Ms. Causey. The presentation informed all members present of the opportunities the organization provides for students with disabilities. Mrs. Bethany Elkins was also scheduled to present, but due to illness, that presentation was postponed until a later date.

## **How to Join**

Anyone interested in joining the West Carroll Parish School Board’s Special Education Advisory Council can apply online at the district website (<https://www.wcpsb.com/SpecialEducationAdvisoryCouncil.aspx>) or email Stephanie Johnson at [stephjohnson@wcpsb.com](mailto:stephjohnson@wcpsb.com).