



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
*STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION*



**Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education**

**Dispute Resolution Ad-Hoc Committee**

**Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

**\*\*\*\*\* 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. \*\*\*\*\***  
Teams Meeting

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Tom Cosker, Tammy Raccio, Jen Lussier, Catherine Summ, Jolie Medina, Bryan Klimkiewicz, Sean Cronin, Nachi Bhatt and Sonia Taylor-Smith.

**I. Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 2:06 pm.

**II. Public Comment:**

SAC meetings are public meetings and members of the public may participate.  
Call-In Number: 866-880-0098  
Participant Code: 89689633

**III. By-Law review- Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee**

a. Goals of the Committee/Purpose of the SAC

The group talks about the goal of the ad-hoc committee, set goals, and Bryan shares by-laws and reviews with the members. Bryan and Sean advise the group on how to approach the ad-hoc and clarifies that this is the SAC's AD-Hoc and not run by the Bureau. Gives examples of the supports the Bureau can provide.

The groups goes over any questions they have. Sonia asks for by-laws to be emailed.

Bryan makes a comment to the group to identify the goals and needs of the ad-hoc. Nachi responds with his view and talks about communication and goal. Where do people need assistance? Talks about families who can work with staff and districts efficiently would avoid as many due process complaints

Tom talks about the process of state level complaints and the pre process as Nachi described. He sees it as two parts and thinks Nachi has made a good point that needs to be looked at further.

Tammy asks Bryan to talk about the Rhode Island Call Center and their role. He goes on to make comparisons with the Bureau of Special Education.

Tammy talks about student PPT and asks Bryan's how does the IEP form capture that the student has run the PPT. He explains why it does not.

Tom reads Jen's comments from the chat.

Catherine Summ makes a comment and

Sonia talks about her personal situation, students not being included in PPTs. Nachi responds with talk on reviewing Best Practices in detail.

Sonia talks about commitment to the group. Bryan responds with suggestions for the group.

They talk as a group about scheduling a meeting in May then one time

#### **IV. Future Topics-Considerations**

- a. Table Seven Data
- b. Complaint Summary  
Mentions new documents are being development
- c. Mediation Updates
- d. Review of most recent due process hearings

#### **V. Other ideas or successes for the group to consider**

- a. LRP Resource  
Bryan talks about subscription and access. Sonia asks for acronyms to also be written out.
- b. RI call center  
Call center contact will attend an ad-hoc meeting and discuss their program and strategies.
- c. Student run PPT meetings
- d. Facilitated IEP meetings

#### **VI. Summary/Action Items**

Jolie to email by-laws to members and to schedule the next meeting for end of May.

#### **VII. Adjourn**