

Continuing Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2024 Hybrid Meeting
9:03 AM – 1:26 PM

CAC Attendees: Agatha Thibodeaux, Amy Litzinger, Jo Ann Wofford, April Estrada, Aaron Bangor, Claudia Cavazos, Marissa Esquivel, Janie Melendez, Kevin Markel, Diana Nelson, Lori Brown, Susan Nichols,

CAC Absentees: Adrian Guerra, Tara Cevallos, Sheryl Kubala

Technical assistance and support needs for the state with resources and learning opportunities.

Social media Outreach - Follow on social media platforms for information.

[Special Education Newsletter](#) Walkthrough- special education related topics are gathered from across the agency each month.

Presentation:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QC9_wNmX7S6rpCpSERmWmmnbZgQcaUml/view?usp=drive_link

10:17 Stephanie Koch TEA Updates

10:18 Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf Policy and Advocacy – Presentation

Randi Turner, Chair for Texas Society of Interpreters for Deaf Policy and Advocacy Committee

K-12 Sign Language Interpreters Pay, Recruitment, and Retention of educational interpreters in K-12

The need for adequate qualified, skilled educational interpreters is higher than ever yet supply is not meeting the demand.

Shared research

CAC Legislative Updates/CAC 2023 Legislative Report Comparison/Work Groups

Current Policy Recommendations

<https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/cac-sped-policy-recommendations-2022.pdf>

CAC Work Group Updates

12:45 Set future meeting dates

Monday, June 3rd 9:00 am-2:00 pm (We will find out on Monday if this date will work and follow up via email.)

12:52 Discuss, Recommend, and Take Possible Action on Current Minutes and

Future Meeting Topics

Funding, staffing, 18+ transition program, TEA Updates, Work on Report, Meet with sub committees

Review and Approve June 5, 2023, and December 4, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion to Adjourn

Janie Melendez made a motion to adjourn. Agatha Thibodeaux seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:26pm.