



Texas Commission
on
Special Education Funding

Chair
Stacey Neal Combest

Agenda
Monday, November 14, 2022
1:30 p.m.
Room E1.012 Texas State Capitol

- I. Call to Order
- II. Chair's Opening Remarks
- III. Review of Draft Recommendations
 - A. Justin Porter , Associate Commissioner and Chief Program Officer,
Special Populations, Texas Education Agency
- IV. SPED Educational Savings Accounts
 - A. Panel 1
 - ¾ Prof. Kevin G. Welner , Director, National Education Policy Center,
Professor, School of Education , University of Colorado Boulder
 - ¾ Laura Colangelo, Executive Director , Texas Private Schools
Association
 - ¾ Heide Nasset , Step Up for Students, Florida

B. Panel 2

¾ Steve Aleman , MPAff, J.D., Senior Policy Specialist, Disability Rights Texas (DRT)

¾ Andrea Chevalier , PhD, Director of Governmental Relations, Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education (TCASE)

¾ Jolene Sanders- Foster , MS, Advocacy Director, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities (CTD)

C. Panel 3

¾ Dr. Veronica Alonzo, Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Dallas

¾ Ezzard Castillo , Administrator, RiverCity Christian School

¾ Steven Wells, Pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston

D. Panel 4

¾ Gwen Coffey , Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Special Education, Katy ISD

¾ Tracy Bailey, Director of Special Education, Aldine ISD

¾ Jennifer Green , Director of Research and Accountability, La Porte ISD

E. Panel 5

¾ Cara Candal , ExcelinEd

¾ Benjamin Scafidi , Ph.D. Friedman Fellow (EdChoice), Professor of Economics and Director, Education Economics Center, Kennesaw State University

F. Panel 6

¾ Michael Barba, Policy Director, K -12 Education, Texas Public Policy Foundation

¾ Kristina Baehr , Parent of a Special Needs Child

¾ Paul Van Allen , Parent of a Special Needs Child

V. Closing Remarks and Adjournment