

Special Education Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting

June 8, 2026

Virtual

Meeting Minutes

PARTICIPANTS

Amy Allison	Sean Fradiska	Wendy Main	Abby Rader
Jillian Fradiska	Amy Furstenberg	Chris Garrity	Carli Rice
Shannon Watkins	Sara Bush	Luanne Cook	
Tiffany Mock	Krista Walker		

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The regular meeting of the Special Education Citizen's Advisory Committee was held on June 8, 2026. Attendance was taken and the meeting was called to order by Jillian Fradiska, (Chair), at 1:00 p.m.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and agreed upon by all members in attendance. Motion for the approval of the March 16, 2026 minutes was made by Abby Rader and seconded by Tiffany Mock with unanimous approval by those present.

III. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE – DR. WENDY MAIN

Local Department Update: Allegany County Public Schools Special Education Staffing Plan for 26/27 School Year. The SECAC committee looks at and provides input for the staffing plan annually. There are currently 1,520 students who receive Special Education services, of those students 571 receive OT, 301 receive PT, and 927 receive speech. The Special Education Department will employ the following for the 2026/2027 school year:

Teaching positions.....	104
Full Time IAs	102
Part Time/Contractual IAs	68
Related Services	30
Specialists	29

Dr. Main stated that the staffing plan will continue to be looked at to ensure the needs of the students and staff are being met. The staffing plan will go to the SECAC committee then to the elected Board of Education on June 16th.

State/Federal Update:

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Partners for Success Report Family Support Service Events:

March 17, 2026 MSDE virtual regional meeting 28 in attendance

March 18, April 22, and May 20, 2026 Completed the IEP Playbook Webinar Series

March 20, 2026 Shannon attended Judy Center Steering Committee 18 attended

March 25, 2026..... Shannon attended Maryland Wellness' Partner Luncheon 45 in attendance

March 28, 2026 Shannon attended School Readiness Fair 53 families/143 visited the FSS table/35 agencies

March 30, 2026... Shannon attended an Infants and Toddler meeting 7 people in attendance

April 9, 2026 Lavale Library with Shea Morse on sensory activities 33 people/10 families in attendance

April 14, 2026.... MSDE virtual call- A look at the Local Application for Federal Funds with Family Support 28 people in attendance

April 17, 2026... Shannon attended Judy Center Steering Committee meeting 15 people in attendance.

April 20, 2026 Shannon attended an Infants and Toddlers meeting 7 in attendance

April 22, 2026... Shannon attended at "Enough" initiative meeting at HRDC 33 people attended

April 22, 2026 Consolidated Local Implementation Grant virtual meeting with Family Support 18 people

April 23, May 26, May 28, 2026 VILLAGE meeting a new parent chat group at Allegany County Public Libraries. April 23- 6 adults attended. May 26-10 adults/9 Children attended. May 28- 1 family, 1 child, and 7 adults attended.

April 27, 2026... Shannon attended an Infant Massage class with 10 adults and 8 children in attendance

April 28, 2026....Shannon attended a Family Empowerment Expo and had 7 agencies/16 people/4 families visited the Family Support Table

April 30, 2026....Nutrition Strategies Workshop 6 families/11 people attended

May 5, 2026.... Spring Fling at Cash Valley had 22 agencies, 33 families 115+ people and 12 volunteers

May 8, 2026...Baby shower with the Judy Center 20 partner agencies/24 moms attended.

May 12, 2026.....Shannon attended CV's family picnic-253 people attended, Plus several agencies and vendors

May 13, 2026.....Shannon attended the Community School Coordinator Steering Committee meeting at FSU, 60 people were in attendance including ACPS Superintendent Dr. Martirano

May 14, 2026.....Shannon attended a Local Interagency Coordinating Council/Early Childhood Advisory Council meeting with 17 people attending.

May 18, 2026.....Shannon attended an Infants and Toddlers meeting with 9 people

May 20, 2026.... Shannon attended a local food resources meeting at St Johns

Also attending where Salvation Army, local churches and the Judy Center

Dr. Main stated that the grant that helps fund the CHEER Program at ACM will no longer be available after September 30, 2026. Other opportunities are being explored in order to restart the program in the future.

Jillian Fradiska (Chair) CCAC Shining Star Awards surveys were sent out in May and over 70 responses were received. These awards will be handed out in the fall.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Abby Rader discussed details for the upcoming ESY program. ESY will be from June 22-July 30th at Cash Valley Elementary School. There are 134 eligible students for the full day program.

Sara Bush Parents Place of Maryland discussed the history and mission of Parents Place of Maryland, along with the services and the various supports they offer to families. The slides Ms. Bush used in her presentation will be available on the SECAC website.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 14th (1:00 pm-2:00pm)

The motion for adjournment was made by Tiffany Mock and seconded by Carli Rice.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.