

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

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10:00 a.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Committee Business
- III. Opening Remarks
- IV. Interim Charge 6: Study the effectiveness of Texas school districts' special education programs. Review the range of needs of special education students, districts' ability to provide an appropriate education for these students, and assess the effectiveness of programs currently funded for special education. Make recommendations for improvement.
 - **Panel 1:**
 - Lauren Morando Rhim, Ph.D., President, LMR Consulting
 - Ilene Lainer, Founder, Former Chair and Current Board of Trustee Member, New York Center for Autism Charter School and Executive Director, New York Center for Autism
 - David Anderson, General Counsel, Texas Education Agency
 - **Panel 2:**
 - Gene Lenz, Deputy Associate Commissioner for Special Programs, Texas Education Agency
 - Kathy Clayton, Director, IDEA Coordination, Texas Education Agency
 - **Panel 3:**
 - Sandi Jacobs, Vice President, National Council on Teacher Quality
 - Suzanne Schnars, M.Ed., Coordinator of Early Childhood Programs, Pflugerville ISD
 - Cyral Miller, Outreach Director, Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

- **Panel 4:**
 - Ms. Kim Wedel, Assistant Commissioner, Division for Early Childhood Intervention Services, Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
 - Mr. Lynn Blackmore Director, Center for Policy and Innovation, Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
 - Jon Weizenbaum, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Aging and Disability Services
 - Colleen Horton, M.P.Aff., Program Officer, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, The University of Texas at Austin

- **Panel 5:**
 - Lana Fincher, Special Education Director, Amarillo ISD
 - Clay Boatright, Parent & Board Vice President for The Arc of Texas
 - Gerard Jimenez, Chairman, Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee

V. **Public Testimony**

VI. **Recess**