



**Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

January 9, 2025

**Call to Order**

Vita Lusk called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

**Members Present:** -

Melissa Richardson Allen Park	Angela Khater Dearborn	Barbara Young Dearborn Hts. #7	Sharene Nathan Detroit	Melissa Adcock Flat Rock
Heather Collins Garden City	Samara Wolf Garden City	Crystle Upshaw Lincoln Park	Kara Clarke Livonia	Mandee Ordaz Northville
Tajana Luie River Rouge	Tymesha Bland Romulus	Tasha Miller Southgate	Lisa-Marie Bailey Wayne/Westland	Megan Arabucki Woodhaven/Btwn
Gloria Gonzalez Woodhaven/Btwn	LeTeesha Curry Det Academy Arts & Sciences			

**Members Excused:** Sandy Borgne

**Guests Present:** Jessica Owulette, Tracee Winston, Jen Nardini, Darlene Heard-Thomas, Lillie Loder, Zemen Marrugi, Paul Riser, Rob Wilson, Stephanie Nicholls, Tamaran Dillrad, Mindy/Melinda Lee, Mary Sunisloe, Cheryl Williams, Megan Dempsey Wood, Ketrina Childs

**RESA Representatives:** Vita Lusk, Celeste Johnson, Theresa Franklin

***Dates to Remember***

<i>February 13, 2025</i>	<i>Virtual Meeting</i>
<i>March, 2025</i>	<i>No Meeting</i>

**I. Approval of Agenda**

A copy of the meeting agenda was emailed and posted to the website for members in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Samara Wolf and seconded by Sharene Nathan to accept the agenda. Motion was supported by a majority of members present. No objections were made.

Objections: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Approval of Minutes

A copy of the meeting minutes from the last meeting was emailed and posted to the website for members in advance. A motion was made by Sharene Nathan and seconded by Samara Wolf to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: \_\_\_\_\_

## III. Presentation

### **FAPE in the LRE**

Stephanie Nicholls

Michigan Alliance for Families

<https://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/>

To view the PowerPoint and resources shared, please click on the following link:

<https://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/workshop-fape-lre/>

Stephanie also shared information on their upcoming IEP Course – a five week series for parents of students with an IEP. Tuesdays from 9:30am-11:00am. Registration open January 3-10, or when full.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/IEPWinter2025>

For the most recent and upcoming trainings, please click on the following link:

<https://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/upcoming-events/>

You can view copies of the presentations in the WCPAC Google Drive by clicking on the link below:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NWF2vvLWJs3vkJngc2jAyxNpIZeHauAY?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NWF2vvLWJs3vkJngc2jAyxNpIZeHauAY?usp=drive_link)

## IV. Chairperson Report

Vita shared that we now have two immediate openings on the Executive Board (EB); Chairperson and Secretary. At this time, to help get through the rest of this school year, it was suggested that the WCPAC temporarily transfer the EB responsibility to Wayne RESA. During the May meeting, the WCPAC will hold elections, which will allow the new EB to work with RESA over the summer to learn their new roles and responsibilities, which will help strengthen the WCPAC overall.

A motion was made by Samara Wolf and seconded by Sharene Nathan to approve the transfer of EB responsibilities to Wayne RESA. The motion was supported by a majority of members present. No objections were made.

### Upcoming Conferences

MI Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

February 26-February 28, 2025

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids

<https://michigancec.org/events/85th-annual-michigan-council-exceptional-children-conference>

Michigan Transition Services Association (MTSA)

March 10-12, 2025

Lansing Center in Lansing

<https://mtsa.regfox.com/2025-mtsa-annual-conference>

Statewide Autism Resources & Training (START)  
April 28, 2025, 830a-330p  
Lansing Center in Lansing  
<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-conference-167.htm>

If you come across a conference that would be beneficial to families of students receiving special education supports, please feel free to share that information! Feel free to email Vita, Celeste, or Theresa.

**V. Vice Chairperson Report**

If you have not received the link for the Google Drive, or if any of your contact information has changed, please contact Vita, Celeste, or Theresa.

**VI. Secretary Report**

If you need business cards, please contact Vita, Celeste, or Theresa. Please make sure you sign in at each meeting you attend, not just for minute purposes but also for year-end mileage reimbursement (only applies for in-person meetings).

**VII. Treasurer Report**

The account balance is \$1,808.40.

**VIII. Subcommittee Reports**

***We need your help!***

Please read the subcommittee description (found in the member folder on the Google Drive or by clicking [here](#)) and consider signing up! [Subcommittee Sign Up - click here!](#)

**Special Recognition Subcommittee**

Special Recognition is being held on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm via Zoom.  
Nominations are due by the February Meeting!  
You can find the nomination form by [clicking here](#).

**IX. RESA Reports**

**Parent Focus Group -**

January 28, 2025, from 5p – 7p at Wayne RESA.  
This is the LRE Capacity Building Activity that we have been talking about. The MI Department of Education Office of Special Education will join us for this meeting, and we would love to have you there! If you have not already done so, please take a moment to complete the [Parent Focus Group Google Survey](#). ***Please complete the survey by January 15, 2025.***

**X. Member Report**

Angela shared information about the following conferences:  
BAAM Conference- Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan  
February 20-21, 2025 at Eastern MI University Student Center  
<https://behaviorlive.com/conferences/BAAM2025/home>

AAoM Conference- Autism Alliance of Michigan  
March 8, 2025 at Suburban Collection Showplace  
<https://autismallianceofmichigan.org/2024-conference/>

Mandee talked about Northville's Parent Camp & Wellness Fair.

February 1, 2025, 9a-12:30p at Northville High School.

You can view the flyer by clicking the link below for all the details.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bjbtQf6Pc8brXkfbqhclFS5tqj0dBqVo/view?usp=sharing>

**XI. Public Reports**

None.

**XII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Kara Clarke and seconded by Sharene Nathan to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Motion passed by majority present.

***The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2025  
at 6:30 p.m., meeting virtually.***