

# Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: J.

Date: October 28, 2004

Topic: First Review of Nominations for Appointments to the State Special Education Advisory Committee

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## Origin:

Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

Board review required by  
 State or federal law or regulation  
 Board of Education regulation  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Action requested at this meeting  Action requested at future meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

## Previous Review/Action:

No previous board review/action

Previous review/action  
date \_\_\_\_\_  
action \_\_\_\_\_

## Background Information:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires the establishment of this advisory committee to advise the State Education Agency on the education of children with disabilities. The committee membership as required by IDEA must consist of:

- \* Parents of children with disabilities;
- \* Individuals with disabilities;
- \* Teachers;
- \* Representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel, state and local education officials, administrators of programs for children with disabilities;
- \* Representatives of other state agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities;
- \* Representatives of private schools and public charter schools;
- \* At least one representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities; and
- \* Representatives from the State juvenile and adult corrections agencies.
- \* A majority of the members of the committee must be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities.

**Summary of Major Elements**

The position of a parent representative from Region VII is currently vacant.

Ms. Suzanne Conroy is recommended for appointment by the Board for this position. Biographical information about Ms. Conroy is attached. The term of office is three years, beginning November 1, 2004.

Five members are eligible for reappointment for a second term of three years beginning November 1, 2004.

The members are:

Emily Dreyfus – Parent Representing Superintendent's Region V

Robert Richardson, Jr. – Local Director of Special Education

Shirley Ricks – State Agency Representative

Elizabeth Vincel – Parent representing Superintendent's Region VI

Michael Wong – Transition/Vocational Education Representative

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board waive first review and accept the nominations.

**Impact on Resources:**

None

**Timetable for Further Review/Action:**