



**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
 - **Prof. Kevin G. Welner**, Director, National Education Policy Center,
Professor, School of Education , University of Colorado Boulder
 - **Laura Colangelo**, Executive Director, Texas Private Schools
Association
 - **Heide Nasset**, Step Up for Students, Florida

B. Panel 2

- **Steve Aleman**, MPAff, J.D., Senior Policy Specialist, Disability Rights Texas (DRT)
- **Andrea Chevalier**, PhD, Director of Governmental Relations, Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education (TCASE)
- **Jolene Sanders-Foster**, MS, Advocacy Director, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities (CTD)

C. Panel 3

- **Dr. Veronica Alonzo**, Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Dallas
- **Ezzard Castillo**, Administrator, RiverCity Christian School
- **Steven Wells**, Pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston

D. Panel 4

- **Gwen Coffey**, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Special Education, Katy ISD
- **Tracy Bailey**, Director of Special Education, Aldine ISD
- **Jennifer Green**, Director of Research and Accountability, La Porte ISD

E. Panel 5

- **Cara Candal**, ExcelinEd
- **Benjamin Scafidi**, Ph.D. Friedman Fellow (EdChoice), Professor of Economics and Director, Education Economics Center, Kennesaw State University

F. Panel 6

- **Michael Barba**, Policy Director, K-12 Education, Texas Public Policy Foundation
- **Kristina Baehr**, Parent of a Special Needs Child
- **Paul Van Allen**, Parent of a Special Needs Child

V. Closing Remarks and Adjournment