



**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