

Harford County
Special Education Citizen/Community Advisory Committee
(SECAC)

General Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2026
6-7 pm, Zoom

Attendance (12)

Katie York, Kristy Gizinski, Lauren Harper, Colleen Sasdelli, Tracy Masur, Carrie Sadowski, Dale Schafert, Abbe Restucci, Kim Manzo, Megan Fitzgerald, Rachelle Johnson, Kathy Pitrat.

The chair called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Welcome & Announcements from Chair/Co-Chair

- This is our last meeting of the school year! We will resume SECAC meetings in the fall after summer break.
- Last day of school is June 18 (early dismissal day 5/22 is a FULL DAY)
- The Arc of Maryland state convention will be on 5/28 at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City; more info:
<https://thearcmd.org/events/convention>

- C. Sasdelli
 - MSDE survey

- M. Fitzgerald
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- Upcoming budget meetings
- Caregiver workshops and Lunch and Learns

Speaker/Presenter(s): HCPS Transition Resources Team - Dale Schafert and Abbe Restucci

Transition planning is an on-going process that occurs when students with IEPs identify what they will do after graduation and consider the skills, training, education, and/or resources needed to reach these goals. Transition planning includes: Identifying post-secondary goals based on interests, strengths and preferences. Identifying and implementing transition activities and supports needed to reasonably enable the student to reach these goals. Identifying and applying to appropriate adult agencies.

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 7:00 pm.

Reminders

Next HCPS Board of Education Meeting: May 18, 2026 at 6pm, In Person (Bel Air) & online

BOE Schedule, Live Stream, & Archive: www.hcps.org/boe/MeetingSchedule

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