Continuing Advisory Committee Meeting
October 27, 2010

Meeting Location	Wells Fargo Bank Building Tower
Date and Time	**October 27, 2010 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Minutes

CAC Attendees	Rose Cruz, Julia Erwin, Kathy Grant, Sherri Hammack, Marjie Haynes, Drusilla Knight-Villarreal, Jennifer Taylor, Paul Watson, Terry Hernandez, Mel Capelo
CAC Absentees	Lene' Al-Rashid, Diane Taylor, Shewanda Williams
Texas Education Agency Resources	Kathy Clayton, Margaret Christen, Phyllis Gandy, Cindy Swain, Carmen Noe, Margaret Baker, Heather Reisman, Cari Wieland, Kelly Calloway, David Carrales
Facilitator	Margie Sanford

Agenda Item	**Minutes – October 27, 2010**
Welcome and Introductions	Participants were welcomed by Margie Sanford, introductions made and the agenda for the meeting was reviewed. Minutes from the June 14 – 15, 2010 were motioned for approval by Marjie Haynes and seconded by Julia Erwin.
Meeting Purpose and Result	**Purpose** • Update committee members regarding statewide activities and initiatives in the area of Special Education. • Update committee members on IDEA Coordination Activities. • Provide committee members the opportunity to internalize, make connections, and ask questions about the topics presented by TEA **Result** • Committee understanding of statewide activities and initiatives in the area of Special Education. • Committee understanding of on-going IDEA Coordination Activities. • Committee members will share their thoughts with each other and TEA regarding topics presented during the meeting.

State of the State (Kathy Clayton)	Members were provided an overview and current status of activities and actions related to special education. The actions and activities included: Commissioner's rule reviews and revisions, update on the Legislature, update on the Annual Performance Report, discussion regarding students with hearing impairments and foreign language requirements, update on Task Force for Children with Special Needs, update on National Association of State Directors of Special Education meeting, and Early Childhood Initiative update.
Complaints Investigations (Cindy Swain)	Members were provided information regarding systemic areas that have been arisen through the complaints investigations process.
Due Process Hearings (Heather Reisman)	The members were provided a quarterly update regarding 2009-2010 Hearing Decision document prior to the meeting. Heather Reisman provided additional details regarding the individual decisions.
Stimulus / Funding Update (Phyllis Gandy)	The members were provided a handout on funding updates. Updates included; residential placements, nonpublic day school placements, ARAA expenditures, comprehensive Early Intervening Services, and high cost funds.
Elections	Mel Capelo was elected as chairperson and Paul Watson and Rose Cruz were elected as Vice chairs according to the CAC bylaws.
Committee Review of Comments to Graduation Rule (David Carrales)	A review of the public commenting process for making comments to rules was reviewed. The specifics of the rules were discussed. Information regarding the comments received to date was provided.
Panel Discussion: STAAR/EOC/Graduation Rule (Cari Wieland, Kathy Clayton, Kelly Calloway, David Carrales)	Members from the curriculum, assessment legal and IDEA coordination provided information to the committee members regarding the background that information that provided the impetus for the rule changes pertaining to graduation options for students with disabilities. CAC members were able to dialogue with all of the participants and ask clarifying questions. Paul Watson made a motion for the committee to support the changes proposed to the rule, Julia Erwin seconded the motion and all members voted in support for the proposed revisions to the rule.
Dialogue Time/CAC Improvement Group Reports	The members discussed the following topics during their dialogue time: advocates providing legal advice, after school care for students with disabilities, and SB 451 (Teacher Training).

Closing	The next CAC Meeting will be held on: February 23, 2011
	The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm