Regulations of the Commissioner of Education: Annual Review - Section 200.4

(1) **Annual review.** The individualized education program (IEP) of each student with a disability shall be reviewed and, if appropriate, revised, periodically but not less than annually to determine if the annual goals for the student are being achieved. Any meeting to develop, review or revise the IEP of each student with a disability to be conducted by the committee on special education or subcommittee thereof, pursuant to section 4402(1)(b)(2) of the Education Law, shall be based upon review of a student's IEP and other current information pertaining to the student's performance.

(1) Such review shall consider the following factors:
(i) the strengths of the student;
(ii) the concerns of the parents for enhancing the education of their child;
(iii) the results of the initial or most recent evaluation of the student;
(iv) as appropriate, the results of the student's performance on any general State or district-wide assessment programs;
(v) the academic, developmental and functional needs of the student;
(vi) the special factors described in paragraph (d)(3) of this section; and
(vii) the educational progress and achievement of the student with a disability and the student's ability to participate in instructional programs in regular education and in the least restrictive environment.

(2) If appropriate, the IEP must be revised to address:
(i) any lack of expected progress toward the annual goals and in the general education curriculum or participation in appropriate activities for preschool students with disabilities, if appropriate;
(ii) the results of any reevaluation conducted pursuant to this Part and any information about the student provided to, or by, the parents;
(ii) the student's anticipated needs;
(iv) or other matters, including a student's need for test accommodations and/or modifications and the student's need for a particular device or service (including an intervention, accommodation or other program) in consideration of the special factors contained in paragraph (d)(3) of this section in order for the student to receive a free appropriate public education.
200.3 Committee on special education and committee on preschool special education.

(a) Each board of education or board of trustees shall appoint:
(1) committees on special education in accordance with the provisions of Education Law, section 4402, as necessary to ensure timely evaluation and placement of students. The membership of each committee shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) the parents or persons in parental relationship to the student;
(ii) not less than one regular education teacher of the student whenever the student is or may be participating in the regular education environment;
(iii) not less than one special education teacher of the student, or, if appropriate, not less than one special education provider of the student;
(iv) a school psychologist;
(v) a representative of the school district who is qualified to provide or supervise special education and who is knowledgeable about the general education curriculum and the availability of resources of the school district, provided that an individual who meets these qualifications may also be the same individual appointed as the special education teacher or the special education provider of the student or the school psychologist. The representative of the school district shall serve as the chairperson of the committee;

(vi) an individual who can interpret the instructional implications of evaluation results. Such individual may also be the individual appointed as the regular education teacher, the special education teacher or special education provider, the school psychologist, the representative of the school district or a person having knowledge or special expertise regarding the student when such member is determined by the school district to have the knowledge and expertise to fulfill this role on the committee;

(vii) a school physician, if specifically requested in writing by the parent of the student or by a member of the school at least 72 hours prior to the meeting;

(viii) an additional parent member of a student with a disability residing in the school district or a neighboring school district, provided that the additional parent member may be the parent of a student who has been declassified within a period not to exceed five years or the parent of a student who has graduated within a period not to exceed five years. Such parent is not a required member if the parents of the student request that the additional parent member not participate in the meeting;

(ix) other persons having knowledge or special expertise regarding the student, including related services personnel as appropriate, as the school district or the parent(s) shall designate. The determination of knowledge or special expertise of such person shall be made by the party (parents or school district) who invited the individual to be a member of the committee on special education; and

(x) if appropriate, the student.

*** NOTE: annual review Meetings are often conducted by subcommittees on special education. The required members for a subcommittee are not the same, and do need to include school psychologist or parent member.