



SELPA Governance Council Meeting

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AGENDA

November 17, 2023

8:00 am -9:00 a.m.

San Luis Obispo County Office of Education
3350 Education Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Online via Zoom Meeting:

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1.0 Call Public Session to Order

Dr. Jim Brescia, Superintendent, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

SELPA Governing Council Members:

Mr. Jeff Cadwallader, Director, Almond Acres Charter

Mr. Tom Butler, Superintendent, Atascadero USD

Ms. Julie Turk, Principal, Bellevue-Santa Fe Charter

Ms. Jennifer Gaviola, Superintendent, Cayucos ESD

Mr. Scott Smith, Superintendent, Coast USD

Dr. Paul Fawcett, Superintendent, Lucia Mar USD

Dr. Curt Dubost, Superintendent, Paso Robles JUSD

Ms. Wendy Nielsen, Superintendent, Pleasant Valley JUESD

Dr. Eric Prater, Superintendent, San Luis Coastal USD

Ms. Karen Grandoli, Superintendent, San Miguel JUSD

Dr. Kristina Benson, Superintendent, Shandon JUSD

Dr. Jim Brescia, Superintendent, County Office of Education

Mr. Aaron Asplund, Superintendent, Templeton USD

San Luis Obispo SELPA Staff:

Ms. Amber Gallagher, Executive Director



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2.0 Establishment of Quorum

3.0 Consent Agenda *(Members may remove items from Consent Agenda)*

3.1 Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2023

3.2 Approval of Agenda for November 17, 2023

4.0 Public Comment

Government Code 54954.3 provides that, before or during the Governing Council's consideration of an item, the public may address the Governing Council directly on any item of interest that is within the Governing Council's purview, provided that no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless otherwise authorized by Government Code 54954.2(b).

5.0 Action Items

5.1 Program Transfer Plan

When a LEA within the San Luis Obispo County SELPA has given Final Year and a Day Notification as defined by the Education Code and SELPA Local Plan to transfer a regionally operated program or services, Education Code 56207 (a) requires the LEA and SELPA develop a plan for the transfer. The Transfer Plan shall include seven plan components as outlined in Education Code 56207. SLOCOE has submitted a program transfer plan to transfer speech and language services in 2024-2025 to Shandon JUSD.

5.2 Program Transfer Plan

When a LEA within the San Luis Obispo County SELPA has given Final Year and a Day Notification as defined by the Education Code and SELPA Local Plan to transfer a regionally operated program or services, Education Code 56207 (a) requires the LEA and SELPA develop a plan for the transfer. The Transfer Plan shall include seven plan components as outlined in Education Code 56207. TUSD has submitted a program transfer plan to transfer occupational therapy services in 2024-2025 to Almond Acres Charter Academy and Shandon JUSD.

5.3 SLO SELPA Guide

The SLO SELPA Guide- Guidelines for Assessing African American Students has been revised and is presented for approval.

6.0 SELPA Executive Director's Report

Information, communication, and reports will be presented by the SELPA Executive Director

7.0 Board Member Comments

Each member of the Governing Council may report about various matters related to the SELPA. There will be no Board discussion except to ask questions and no action shall be taken unless listed on a subsequent agenda.



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8.0 Future Planning

8.1 Next Meeting Date: December 15, 2023

9.0 Adjournment

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Annotation – Agenda Items 3.1 & 3.2 Governing Council November 17, 2023

Agenda Item

- 3.1 Approval of Minutes from October 20 2023
- 3.2 Approval of Agenda for November 17, 2023

Item Type

Consent Agenda

Summary of Key Issues

The minutes from the October 20, 2023 Governing Council and the agenda for the November 17, 2023 Governing Council are presented for adoption.

Summary of Previous Action

None.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends that the Governing Council approve the meeting minutes from October 20, 2023 and the meeting agenda for November 17, 2023.

Links to this Agenda Item

Approval of [Minutes from October 20, 2023](#)

Approval of Agenda for November 17, 2023



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Annotation – Agenda Items 5.1 Governing Council November 17, 2023

Agenda Item

5.1 Program Transfer Plan

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

On June 27, 2023, the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education provided Dr. Kristina Benson, Superintendent of Shandon Joint Unified School District (SJUSD), formal notice of the desire to transfer the provision of speech and language services back to SJUSD beginning in the 2024-2025 school year.

Justification for the transfer of services included:

- SJUSD has requested additional service days for a Speech and Language Pathologist to meet the increasing student need. This increase in request is beyond the capacity of SLOCOE's current employee base.
- SLOCOE has found challenges in recruiting a qualified candidate to meet the growing needs of SJUSD.

SLOCOE submitted a program transfer plan to the SELPA on October 31, 2023 to transfer speech and language services in 2024-2025 to Shandon JUSD.

Summary of Previous Action

The SELPA Governance Council was informed of SLOCOE's intent on August 18, 2023.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of Program Transfer Plan as submitted by the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education.

Links to this Agenda Item

[SELPA Response to SLOCOE](#)
[SLOCOE Program Transfer Plan](#)



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Annotation – Agenda Items 5.2 Governing Council November 17, 2023

Agenda Item

5.2 Program Transfer Plan

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

On June 28, 2023, the Templeton Unified School District provided Dr. Kristina Benson, Superintendent of Shandon Joint Unified School District (SJUSD) and Mr. Jeff Cadwallader, Executive Director of Almond Acres Charter Academy (AACA), formal notice of the desire to transfer the provision of occupational therapy services back to SJUSD and AACA beginning in the 2024-2025 school year.

Justification for the transfer of services included:

- The employee shared amongst the three school districts resigned in June 2023. The three school district assignment presents a challenge in recruiting a qualified candidate.

TUSD submitted submitted a program transfer plan to the SELPA on October 30, 2023 to transfer occupational therapy services in 2024-2025 to Shandon JUSD and Almond Acres Charter Academy.

Summary of Previous Action

The SELPA Governance Council was informed of TUSD's intent on August 18, 2023.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of Program Transfer Plan as submitted by the Templeton Unified School District.

Links to this Agenda Item

[SELPA Response to TUSD](#)
[TUSD Program Transfer Plan](#)



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Annotation – Agenda Items 5.3 Governing Council November 17, 2023

Agenda Item

5.3 SLO SELPA Guide

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

SELPA Guides are defined as local best practices around specific topic areas to support practitioners with implementation. They are located in SEIS, the special education data system, and are available to all special educators countywide.

The SELPA Guide-Guidelines for Assessing African American Students was revised and subsequently provided to SEOC for input and feedback. Yellow highlights indicate proposed revisions.

The California Department of Education issued a guidance memorandum in September 2022. The California Association of School Psychologists issued a communication in October 2023.

Summary of Previous Action

The SELPA Governance Council approved several revised guides on October 20, 2023.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the revised SELPA Guide- Guidelines for Assessing African American Students as presented.

Links to this Agenda Item

[SLO SELPA Guide- Guidelines for Assessing African American Students](#)