



# SELPA Governance Council Meeting

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## AGENDA

April 11, 2025 8:00 am - 9:00 am  
San Luis Obispo County Office of Education  
3350 Education Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Pleasant Valley Joint Union Elementary School  
2025 Ranchita Canyon Road, San Miguel, CA 93451

Bellevue-Sante Fe Charter School  
1401 San Luis Bay Dr., San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Almond Acres Charter Academy  
1145 Niblick Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446

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### 1.0 Call Public Session to Order

Dr. Jim Brescia, San Luis Obispo County Superintendent of Schools

#### SELPA Governing Council Members:

Mr. Jeff Cadwallader, Director, Almond Acres Charter Academy  
Mr. Tom Butler, Superintendent, Atascadero USD  
Ms. Julie Turk, Director, Bellevue-Santa Fe Charter School  
Ms. Jennifer Gaviola, Superintendent, Cayucos ESD  
Ms. Jill Southern, Superintendent, Coast USD  
Dr. Paul Fawcett, Superintendent, Lucia Mar USD  
Ms. Jennifer Loftus, 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, San Luis Obispo County Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Edd Bond, Superintendent, Templeton USD

#### San Luis Obispo SELPA Staff:

Dr. Amber Gallagher, Executive Director

### 2.0 Establishment of Quorum

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

#### 3.1 Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2025

#### 3.2 Approval of Agenda for April 11, 2025

### 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 2025/2026 Master Contract for Non-Public School and Non-Public Agencies

The CA SELPA Association has published the 2025-2026 Non-Public School/Non-Public Agency Master Contract for SELPA approval and LEA use.

#### 5.2 SLO SELPA Guides

The SLO SELPA and SEOC have finalized the following guides for approval as presented: Guidelines for Chronic Absenteeism/School Refusal for Students with Disabilities, Educationally Related Social Emotional Services and Supports (ERSESS) Pre-Referral / Referral Guide, and Educationally Related Social Emotional Services and Supports (ERSESS) Assessment-Eligibility-Service Delivery Guide.

#### 5.3 Three-year SEIS Contract Renewal

SEIS is the special education database used to house and manage all special education data related to IEPs. The three year contract between the SELPA and SEIS is up for renewal. The proposed contract is from 25/26, 26/27, and 27/28. There is a slight increase in cost.

#### 5.4 Continuum of Services/Placement in San Luis Obispo County- Contract Approval

The SELPA Executive Director recommends an expansion of the special education continuum within the county and seeks approval of the proposed contract with Spectrum Center, Inc. and execution upon legal review and associated funding model, Option C-Table 1+/3+.

### 6.0 Information Items

#### 6.1 Special Education Legislative, Funding, and Compliance Update

The SELPA Executive Director will review current legislation, funding, and compliance as it pertains to special education.



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### **7.0 SELPA Executive Director's Report**

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

### **8.0 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.

### **9.0 Future Planning**

**9.1 Next Meeting Date: May 16, 2025**

### **10.0 Adjournment**

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**Annotation – Agenda Items 3.1 & 3.2**  
**Governing Council**  
**April 11, 2025**

**Agenda Item**

- 3.1 Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2025
- 3.2 Approval of Agenda for April 11, 2025

**Item Type**

Consent Agenda

**Summary of Key Issues**

The minutes from the March 21, 2025 Governing Council and the agenda for the April 11, 2025 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 March 21, 2025 and the meeting agenda for April 11, 2025.

**Links to this Agenda Item**

Approval of Minutes from [March 21, 2025](#)  
Approval of Agenda for April 11, 2025

**Annotation – Agenda Items 5.1  
Governing Council  
April 11, 2025**

**Agenda Item**

**5.1 2025/2026 Master Contract for Non-Public School and Non-Public Agencies**

**Item Type**

Action

**Summary of Key Issues**

The CA State SELPA Association has revised the Statewide NPS/NPA Master Contract for the 2025-2026.

NPS/NPA 2025-2026 Master Contract changes from prior year include:

- Date updates
- Grammar revisions
- Addition of clause for Term of Master Contract (60 days to finalize contract)(pg 2)
- Elimination of prone restraint language (pg 16-17)
- Change his/her to their/individual
- Addition of AB 428- Individual Transition Planning (pg 20)
- Removal of Optional Section in State Meal Mandates (pg 22)
- Removal of Optional Section in Staff Absence (pg 26)

In March 2025, SEOC and CBOs reviewed the contract and had the opportunity to provide input.

**Summary of Previous Action**

**Recommendation**

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the NPS/NPA Master Contract for 2025-2026 as attached.

**Links to this Agenda Item**

[Draft 2025-26 Non-Public School/Non-Public Agency Master Contract](#)

**Annotation – Agenda Items 5.2**  
**Governing Council**  
**April 11, 2025**

**Agenda Item**

**5.2 SLO SELPA Guides**

**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.

Guidelines for Chronic Absenteeism/School Refusal for Students with Disabilities

- New- based on a request from a SARB presentation and part of the improvement science work conducted between SLOCOE/SELPA on chronic absenteeism.

Educationally Related Social Emotional Services and Supports (ERSESS) Pre-Referral / Referral Guide

- New- based on a request from the field to provide guidance on supporting the mental health needs of students with disabilities

Educationally Related Social Emotional Services and Supports (ERSESS) Assessment-Eligibility-Service Delivery Guide

- New-based on a request from the field to provide guidance on implementing ERSESS within the IEP process

All guides have been created in partnership with practitioners and been reviewed by SEOC.

**Summary of Previous Action**

**Recommendation**

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the revised SELPA Guides- Guidelines for Chronic Absenteeism/School Refusal for Students with Disabilities, Educationally Related Social Emotional Services and Supports (ERSESS) Pre-Referral / Referral Guide, and Educationally Related Social Emotional Services and Supports (ERSESS) Assessment-Eligibility-Service Delivery Guide as presented.

**Links to this Agenda Item**

- [Guidelines for Chronic Absenteeism/School Refusal for Students with Disabilities](#)
- [Educationally Related Social Emotional Services and Supports \(ERSESS\) Pre-Referral / Referral Guide](#)
- [Educationally Related Social Emotional Services and Supports \(ERSESS\) Assessment-Eligibility-Service Delivery Guide](#)

**Annotation – Agenda Items 5.3  
Governing Council  
April 11, 2025**

**Agenda Item**

**5.3 Three-year SEIS Contract Renewal**

**Item Type**

Action

**Summary of Key Issues**

The proposed contract spans from 25/26, 26/27, and 27/28 with an annual cost of \$56,667.50. This is based on a student count of 5,965 in February 2025. This is a \$10,470 increase from the previous 3-year contract. Price increases are attributed to increase in student count within the system, expenses related to salaries, benefits, software licenses, hardware, and new technology.

**Summary of Previous Action**

Previous contract with SEIS was from 22/23, 23/24, 24/25 for a total of \$46,197.50 annually. This was based on a student count of 5,435 from February 2022.

**Recommendation**

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval and execution of a new three year contact with SEIS as presented.

**Links to this Agenda Item**

[Proposed SEIS contract renewal](#)

**Annotation – Agenda Items 5.4  
Governing Council  
April 11, 2025**

**Agenda Item**

**5.4 Continuum of Services/Placement in San Luis Obispo County, Contract Approval**

**Item Type**

Action

**Summary of Key Issues**

In June 2023, the SELPA Governance Council requested that SELPA examine the continuum of special education services within the county and analyze the effectiveness of the current regional program model. During 2023/24, SELPA and SEOC collected and analyzed data, revised policies and practices, and developed the SEOC PAC process to streamline and calibrate regional program referrals. Further, in Fall 2023, the SELPA started the exploration of an NPS and identified Spectrum Centers, Inc. as a program operator. The SELPA has worked in partnership with Spectrum Centers, Inc. to develop a high quality non-public school option in San Luis Obispo County.

The NPS will serve students in high school grades who struggle with emotional and behavioral regulation which impedes their educational success.

The program will have a 12 student capacity and a 1:3 adult to student ratio.

The Leffingwell School facility, in the Coast USD, is the proposed location for the program in 25/26.

The proposed contract is for 1 year, 2025-2026.

**Summary of Previous Action**

**Recommendation**

The SELPA Executive Director recommends an expansion of the special education continuum within the county and seeks approval of a contract with Spectrum Center, Inc. for the 25/26 school year with execution pending legal review and using the proposed Funding Model Option C-Table 1+/Table 3+.

**Links to this Agenda Item**

[Proposed contract with Spectrum Centers, Inc.](#)  
[Funding Model, Option C-Table 1+/Table 3+](#)





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### Annotation – Agenda Items 6.1 Governing Council April 11, 2025

#### Information Item

#### 6.1 Special Education Legislative, Funding, and Compliance Update

#### Item Type

Information

#### Summary of Key Issues

The SELPA Executive Director will review current legislation, funding, and compliance as it pertains to special education. This includes an update on state and federal legislation and the SELPA Association Legislative Day on April 30, 2025.

#### Summary of Previous Action

#### Recommendation

#### Links to this Agenda Item