



SELPA Governance Council Meeting

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AGENDA

June 13, 2025 8:00 am - 9:00 am
San Luis Obispo County SELPA
8005 Morro Road, Atascadero, CA 93422

120 W. Bennet St. Nipomo Ca 93444

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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
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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 May 16, 2025

3.2 Approval of Agenda for June 13, 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 SELPA High-Cost Pool Requests, 2024-2025

The 2024-25 requests from school districts regarding High-Cost Pool submissions will be presented for approval.

5.2 SELPA Meeting Dates for 25/26

The SELPA Governance meeting dates are presented for the 25/26 school year.

5.3 SLO SELPA Guides

The SLO SELPA and SEOC have finalized the following guide for approval as presented:

- (1) Guiding Resources for Transportation for Students with Disabilities

5.4 Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) Cost Containment Review and Update

The SELPA Executive Director will present revisions to the SLO SELPA IEE Cost Containment by assessment type.

5.5 SELPA Funding Allocation Plan, 25/26

The 2025-2026 Funding Allocation Plan, along with items for annual review, has been updated and will be presented for approval.

5.6 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SELPA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Spectrum Central Coast, Nonpublic School Transfer of Funds from Member LEAs to SELPA

The SELPA Executive Director will present a MOU that outlines the NPS Funding Allocation Model for the new local nonpublic school, Spectrum Central Coast.



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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.

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: September 19, 2025

10.0 Adjournment

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Annotation – Agenda Items 3.1 & 3.2 Governing Council June 13, 2025

Agenda Item

- 3.1 Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2025
- 3.2 Approval of Agenda for June 13, 2025

Item Type

Consent Agenda

Summary of Key Issues

The minutes from the May 16, 2025 Governing Council and the agenda for the June 13, 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 May 16, 2025 and the meeting agenda for June 13, 2025.

Links to this Agenda Item

Approval of Minutes from [May 16, 2025](#)
Approval of Agenda for June 13, 2025



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Annotation – Agenda Items 5.1 Governing Council June 13, 2025

Agenda Item

5.1 SELPA High-Cost Pool Requests, 2024-2025

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

Cayucos ESD, Coast USD, Lucia Mar USD, Paso Robles JUSD, San Luis Coastal USD, and San Luis Obispo COE submitted claims for the \$300,000 high-cost pool totaling \$474,228.06. This requires a 63% proration factor. These requests are submitted for discussion and action, based on the following criteria:

- The cause for such expenses would be limited to the need for services beyond the LEA's basic existing service provision structure and/or services.
- A student is placed as a result of an Inter-District Transfer (IDT) granted under appeal to the SLOCOE Board of Trustees which overturns a LEA IDT denial. The request may be made for the IDT for the current fiscal year only and does not apply to subsequent years. Claims may not exceed actual excess cost and must incorporate an offset of district revenue.
- Approval of ongoing use of the high cost pool would be required on a yearly basis.
- Legal costs, parent reimbursement or LEA non-provided compensatory services will not be eligible for funds from this pool.
- When the LEA does not meet the criteria in a-c, a proposal may be brought forward for review by the Governing Council for a waiver of the criteria.
- All claims shall be submitted on an annual basis no later than April 15th and reviewed by the Governing Council for consideration and approval.
- Claims will be brought to the SEOC and CBOs for discussion purposes prior to action by the Governing Council.
- If the number of claims exceeds the available pool amount within one fiscal year, approved claims will be paid pro-rata.
- Upon approval of the Governing Council, when a LEA receives funds from the high cost pool, it is deemed a grant.
- Any LEA claim denied by the Governing Council may be resubmitted by the LEA as a request for a no interest loan from the high cost pool. Terms of the loan will be determined by the Governing Council based on the request. The Governing Council may agree to provide some funds as a grant while requiring a portion to be repaid.

Summary of Previous Action

SEOC reviewed the submitted requests on May 15, 2025 and recommended 9 of the 17 requests be reimbursed using the available high cost pool. CBOs agreed to SEOC's recommendation on May 22, 2025.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the claims for CESD, CUSD, LMUSD, PRJUSD, SLCUSD, and SLOCOE for the 24/25 school year.

Links to this Agenda Item

[High Cost Pool Requests Summary](#)



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Annotation – Agenda Items 5.2 Governing Council June 13, 2025

Agenda Item

5.2 SELPA Meeting Dates for 25/26

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

The SELPA Executive Director will present a calendar of dates for SELPA Governance Council occurring in 2025-26 for adoption.

Summary of Previous Action

SELPA meetings dates for the subsequent school year are submitted annually to the Governing Council for approval.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the meeting dates as presented.

Links to this Agenda Item

[Meeting Dates](#)



SELPA Governance Council Meeting

Annotation – Agenda Items 5.3 Governing Council June 13, 2025

Agenda Item

5.3 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.

Guiding Resources for Transportation for Students with Disabilities

- New- based on a request from the field. Provides high quality resources, legal analysis, IEP support, and decision making processes.

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 Guide- Guiding Resources for Transportation for Students with Disabilities.

Links to this Agenda Item

- [Guiding Resources for Transportation for Students with Disabilities](#)

**Annotation – Agenda Items 5.4
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Agenda Item

5.4 Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) Cost Containment Review and Update

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

Using the SELPA's Cost Analysis Process flowchart:

- Two approved recommendation factors
 - Updated Assessor Costs
 - Median cost limitation of updated SLO SELPA assessor list
 - *If median cost is higher than the previously approved cost limitation, propose the median amount.*
 - Surrounding SELPAs Median Cost
 - Median cost limitation of five SELPAs (SLO, Santa Cruz, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Fresno)
 - *If the proposed cost is higher than surrounding SELPAs, propose the higher amounts.*
- The 2 factors indicated proposed limitation increases for seven of fifteen assessments included in the SELPA policy manual.

Summary of Previous Action

The SLO SELPA IEE policy and procedures were last approved by the SELPA Governance in January 2024 with previous revisions dating March 2021.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the Independent Educational Evaluation cost containment updates as presented.

Links to this Agenda Item

- [IEE Cost Containment -draft](#)



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Annotation – Agenda Items 5.5 Governing Council June 13, 2025

Agenda Item

5.5 SLO SELPA Funding Allocation Plan, 25/26

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

The Funding Allocation Plan (FAP) provides guidance to LEAs about funding and expenses related to special education. Revisions to the 25-26 FAP are presented for approval.

Changes Include:

- Update of all projected revenue and expenditures by 2.30% COLA
- Update of all allocations based on expected programmatic use
- Added explanation of Educationally Related Social Emotional Services and Supports (ERSESS)
- Added explanation of Spectrum Central Coast- Nonpublic school funding allocation model

Summary of Previous Action

An Annual Allocations Workgroup was held on May 6, 2025. The workgroup had representation from large and small LEAs with both program and fiscal staff.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the Funding Allocation Plan and the specific allocations that are reviewed annually, for the 2025-26 school year.

Links to this Agenda Item

- [Draft-Funding Allocation Plan \(FAP\) 2025-2026](#)
- [Funding Allocation Annual Update Items](#)



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Agenda Item

5.6 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SELPA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Spectrum Central Coast, Nonpublic School Transfer of Funds from Member LEAs to SELPA

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

The MOU recognizes the partnership between the SELPA, Spectrum Center, Inc. Coast USD, and the K-12 LEAs within San Luis Obispo County SELPA in the establishment and operation of Spectrum Central Coast for the 2025-2026 school year.

The MOU outlines:

- Effective date
- Fiscal responsibility
- Program referrals
- Attendance reporting and student transcripts
- Timeline for planning and review of any changes
- Term and termination
- Legal language
- Attachments
 - Program Agreement between Spectrum Centers, Inc. and SELPA
 - Facility Agreement between Coast Unified School District and the SELPA
 - NPS Funding Model Allocation
 - Instructional Calendar and ESY for 25/26
 - Individual Service Agreement
 - NPS Referral
 - Regional Program Referral Flowchart

Summary of Previous Action

The SELPA Governance approved the contract with Spectrum Center, Inc. on April 11, 2025.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the San Luis Obispo County SELPA MOU Spectrum Central Coast, Nonpublic School Transfer of Funds from Member LEAs to SELPA.

Links to this Agenda Item

- [NPS MOU draft and attached documents](#)



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**Annotation – Agenda Items 6.1
Governing Council
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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.

Summary of Previous Action

None.

Recommendation

Not applicable.

Links to this Agenda Item

None.