



SELPA Governance Council Meeting

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AGENDA

October 17, 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 934511

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

San Miguel Joint Union School District
1601 L Street, San Miguel, CA 93451

Online 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:

Dr. Joe Ledoux, Executive Director, Almond Acres Charter
Dr. Tom Bennett, Superintendent, Atascadero USD
Ms. Julie Turk, Director, Bellevue-Santa Fe Charter
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 September 19, 2025

3.2 Approval of Agenda for October 17, 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 SELPA Consultation Services for Students with Disabilities who are Parentally Placed In Private Schools

The 2025/2026 SELPA wide consultation services for students with disabilities who are parentally placed in private school based on annual consultation input are presented for approval.

6.0 Information Items

6.1 Parent Institute Update

The SELPA Executive Director will provide a summary of the Parent Institute that occurred on September 20, 2025.

6.2 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: November 14, 2025

10.0 Adjournment

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Annotation – Agenda Items 3.1 & 3.2
Governing Council
October 17, 2025

Agenda Item

- 3.1 Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2025
- 3.2 Approval of Agenda for October 17, 2025

Item Type

Consent Agenda

Summary of Key Issues

The minutes from the September 19, 2025 Governing Council and the agenda for the October 17, 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 September 19, 2025 and the meeting agenda for October 17, 2025.

Links to this Agenda Item

Approval of Minutes from [September 19, 2025](#)
Approval of Agenda for October 17, 2025



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Annotation – Agenda Items 5.1 Governing Council October 17, 2025

Agenda Item

5.1 2025-2026 SELPA Consultation Services for Students with Disabilities who are Parentally Placed In Private Schools

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

The SELPA Executive Director provided annual consultation to the private schools located within San Luis Obispo County on September 18, 2025. Local Educational Agencies with private schools within their geographical boundaries followed up with private schools to seek input. On October 9, 2025, SEOC reviewed all input received via the private school consultation process for the 25/26 school year.

Summary of Previous Action

None.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the 25/26 SELPA consultation services for students with disabilities who are parentally placed in private schools.

Links to this Agenda Item

[SLO SELPA Procedures Manual for Students with Disabilities Parentally in Placed Private School](#)



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Annotation – Agenda Items 6.1 Governing Council October 17, 2025

Information Item

6.1 Parent Institute Update

Item Type

Information

Summary of Key Issues

The San Luis Obispo County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), in partnership with Parents Helping Parents and the Community Advisory Committee, hosted a "Special Education Parent Institute" on September 20, 2025, at Loma Vista Community School. The event, titled "Partners in Progress," aimed to empower families, schools, and communities to support children with disabilities by providing opportunities to connect, network, and learn together.

The institute ran from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and featured a variety of workshop sessions and exhibitors. Special guests included Dr. Brescia as a welcoming speaker and representation from Assemblymember Addis' office, who hosted a Legislative Listening Session.

In total, there were over 100 people who participated in the event, with 15 exhibitors, which included Tri-Counties Regional Center, Department of Rehabilitation, First 5 SLO County, Central Coast Autism, ADHD Allies, and others.

The event also celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which was signed in 1975. Fifty years ago, this landmark legislation opened doors and transformed the lives of millions of children, ensuring their right to a free, appropriate public education. IDEA isn't just a law; it's a promise—a promise of equity, access, and inclusion for every student, regardless of their abilities.

Summary of Previous Action

None.

Recommendation

Not applicable.

Links to this Agenda Item

None.



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Annotation – Agenda Items 6.2 Governing Council October 17, 2025

Information Item

6.2 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.