



SELPA Governance Council Meeting

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AGENDA

January 16, 2026

9:00 am - 10:00 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

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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
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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 November 14, 2025

3.2 Approval of Agenda for January 16, 2026

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 SLO SELPA Guides

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

- Educational Occupational Therapy and Educational Physical Therapy Services Guide

5.2 Planning for Transition, Part C to Part B Checklist

The SLO SELPA, Tri-Counties Regional Center and SEOC have finalized the following resource for approval as presented to support educators and agency providers effectively and compliantly support the transition from Early Start to School Age services.

5.3 Independent Education Evaluation (IEE) Guide -Revisions

The SLO SELPA, in consultation with legal counsel and SEOC, has proposed revisions to the IEE Guide. Revisions provide clarity to process in compliance with education code and case law.

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.



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9.0 Future Planning

9.1 Next Meeting Date: March 13, 2026

10.0 Adjournment

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- 3.1 Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2025
- 3.2 Approval of Agenda for January 16, 2026

Item Type

Consent Agenda

Summary of Key Issues

The minutes from the November 14, 2025 Governing Council and the agenda for the January 16, 2026 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 November 14, 2025 and the meeting agenda for January 16, 2026.

Links to this Agenda Item

Approval of Minutes from [November 14, 2025](#)
Approval of Agenda for January 16, 2026



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Annotation – Agenda Items 5.1 Governing Council January 16, 2026

Agenda Item

5.1 SLO SELPA Guides: Educational Occupational Therapy and Educational Physical Therapy Services 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.

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

Educational Occupational Therapy and Educational Physical Therapy Services Guide

- New-Provides state and federal definition of services, accessing services through the IEP, the development of goals, and service delivery models.

Summary of Previous Action

The SELPA Governance Council expressed interest at the June 13, 2025 to have Guides more widely accessible to leaders and practitioners. The SELPA is continuing to explore this option.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the new SELPA Guide- Educational Occupational Therapy and Educational Physical Therapy Services Guide.

Links to this Agenda Item

[Draft Educational OT and Educational PT Services Guide](#)

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Agenda Item

5.2 Planning for Transition, Part C to Part B Checklist

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

In collaboration with district leaders and the Tri-Counties Regional Center, a need was surfaced to develop a checklist to calibrate the Part C to Part B transition process across all educators and agency providers. Over several work sessions, participants created the proposed checklist to meet timeline compliance, delineate responsibilities, and ensure proactive communication and positive relationships with families.

Summary of Previous Action

N/A.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the Planning for Transition, Part C to Part B Checklist.

Links to this Agenda Item

[Part C to Part B Checklist](#)

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Agenda Item

5.3 Independent Education Evaluation (IEE) Guide -Revisions

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

The SLO SELPA, in consultation with legal counsel and SEOC, has proposed revisions to the IEE Guide. Revisions provide clarity to the process in compliance with education code.

The SELPA sought legal counsel consultation after concerns were brought forth regarding agreements between LEAs and assessors in the current language. The SELPA requested a review for legal compliance.

Summary of Previous Action

The SELPA IEE Policy was last approved by the SELPA Governance Council on January 19, 2024 with the Cost Limitations being revised and approved on June 13, 2025.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the revisions as presented to the Independent Education Evaluation Policy.

Links to this Agenda Item

[Draft IEE Policy/Parent Packet w/revisions](#)

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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.