



SELPA Governance Council Meeting

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AGENDA

May 29, 2026
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-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
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



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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 April 17, 2026

3.2 Approval of Agenda for May 29, 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 Public Hearing

San Luis Obispo County SELPA Local Plan

A public hearing will be held to receive public comment regarding the adoption of the amended 2026-27 San Luis Obispo County SELPA Annual Budget Plan (Section D), Annual Service Plan (Section E), and Governance and Administration (Section B) as required by California Education Code 56205(b). The SELPA Governing Council is required to approve the Annual Budget Plan and Annual Service Plan prior to submission to the California Department of Education annually. Additionally, approval for the Local Plan Governance and Administration is required every three years. A recommendation of declaration to open the public hearing and close the public hearing is provided.

6.0 Action Items

6.1 SLO SELPA Local Plan: Annual Budget Plan and Annual Services Plan

Subsequent to the public hearing, the 2026-27 San Luis Obispo County SELPA Annual Budget Plan (Section D) and Annual Service Plan (Section E) will be presented to the SELPA Governing Council for adoption. This is an annual approval.

6.2 SLO SELPA Local Plan: Section B, Governance and Administration

Subsequent to the public hearing, the 2026-27 San Luis Obispo County SELPA Local Plan Governance and Administration (Section B) will be presented to the SELPA Governing Council for adoption. This is a three year approval.

6.3 SELPA Funding Allocation Plan, 26/27

The 2026-2027 Funding Allocation Plan, along with items for annual review, has been updated and will be presented for approval.

6.4 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 an updated MOU that outlines the NPS Funding Allocation Model for Spectrum Central Coast, Non-Public School.



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6.5 SELPA Executive Director Salary Increase, 3%

SELPA Governance Council Chair is presenting a 3% salary increase for the SELPA Executive Director in alignment with the increase provided to SLOCOE Cabinet for the 26/27 school year.

6.6 SELPA Meeting Dates for 26/27

The SELPA Governance meeting dates are presented for the 26/27 school year.

7.0 Information Items

7.1 Special Education Legislative, Funding, and Compliance Update

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

8.0 SELPA Executive Director's Report

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

9.0 CLOSED SESSION

SELPA Executive Director Evaluation

10.0 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.

11.0 Future Planning

11.1 Next Meeting Date: September 11, 2026

12.0 Adjournment

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Annotation – Agenda Items 3.1 & 3.2 Governing Council May 29, 2026

Agenda Item

- 3.1 Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2026
- 3.2 Approval of Agenda for May 29, 2026

Item Type

Consent Agenda

Summary of Key Issues

The minutes from the April 17, 2026 Governing Council and the agenda for the May 29, 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 April 17, 2026 and the meeting agenda for May 29, 2026.

Links to this Agenda Item

Approval of Minutes from [April 17, 2026](#)
Approval of Agenda for May 29, 2026



SELPA Governance Council Meeting

Annotation – Agenda Items 6.1 Governing Council May 29, 2026

Agenda Item

6.1 SLO SELPA Local Plan: Annual Budget Plan and Annual Services Plan, 2026-2027

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

The San Luis Obispo County SELPA has amended the Local Plan to reflect annual updates for Section D-Annual Budget Plan and Section E-Annual Service Plan.

The Local Plan will be submitted to the California Department of Education via GovGrants by August 17, 2026 and will be posted on the websites of the COE, SELPA and each LEA.

Summary of Previous Action

The Annual Budget Plan and Annual Service Plan was provided to the Superintendents, Chief Business Officers, Special Education Directors, and SELPA's Community Advisory Committee on April 10, 2026. The CAC was invited to provide input at a scheduled business meeting on May 12, 2026. The Annual Budget Plan and Annual Services Plan was posted for Public Hearing on May 14, 2026.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the amended Local Plan to include the Annual Budget Plan and Annual Service Plan for 26/27 granting permission for SELPA to type each LEA Superintendent's name in Section A-Certifications indicating approval.

Links to this Agenda Item

[Draft 2026-27 SELPA Local Plan](#)



SELPA Governance Council Meeting

Annotation – Agenda Items 6.2 Governing Council May 29, 2026

Agenda Item

6.2 SLO SELPA Local Plan: Section B, Governance and Administration, 2026/2027

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

The San Luis Obispo County SELPA has amended the Local Plan to reflect updates for Section B-Governance and Administration.

Section B was provided to the Superintendents, Chief Business Officers, Special Education Directors, and SELPA's Community Advisory Committee on April 10, 2026. The CAC was invited to provide input at a scheduled business meeting on May 12, 2026. Section B was posted for Public Hearing on May 14, 2026.

Members of the Section B workgroup included:

- Amber Gallagher, SELPA Executive Director
- Damien Capalare, SELPA Program Coordinator
- Shannon Cogan, CAC Chair for 25/26
- Shelley Ferrari, Special Education Teacher, SLCUSD
- Adam Helfand, Special Education Director, CUSD/CESD
- Natalie Hughes, General Education Teacher, TUSD
- Joseph Williams, General Education Administrator, LMUSD
- Additional: Tricia Lomino, Lindsay Flatos, Terry Hollen, SELPA Program Specialists

The Local Plan will be submitted to the California Department of Education via GovGrants by August 17, 2026 and will be posted on the websites of the COE, SELPA and each LEA.

Summary of Previous Action

In May of 2023, the SLO SELPA Governing Board approved the amended Local Plan for the 2023-2024 school year, which included Section B: Governance and Administration. Upon CDE's approval of the submitted plan, Section B is to be renewed every three years with annual renewals for Sections A, D and Section E. SLO SELPA was required to update Section B in 2026.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the amended Local Plan to include the updated Section B-Governance granting permission for SELPA to type each LEA Superintendent's name in Section A-Certifications indicating approval.

Links to this Agenda Item

[Draft 2026-27 SELPA Local Plan](#)



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Annotation – Agenda Items 6.3 Governing Council May 29, 2026

Agenda Item

6.3 SELPA Funding Allocation Plan, 26/27

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 26-27 FAP is presented for approval.

Changes Include:

- Update of all projected revenue and expenditures by 2.87% COLA
- Update of all allocations based on expected programmatic use
- Revised language pertaining to Block Fees cost containment
- Added clarity for NPS Cost Pool: for reimbursement to LEAs for basic education costs of NPS placement when there is also a Residential Treatment Center placement.

Summary of Previous Action

An Annual Allocations Workgroup was held on April 27, 2026. The workgroup had representation from large and small LEAs with both program and fiscal staff. Countywide CBOs met on May 20, 2026 and recommended approval of the FAP for 26/27.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the Funding Allocation Plan and the specific allocations that are reviewed annually, for the 2026-27 school year.

Links to this Agenda Item

[Draft-Funding Allocation Plan \(FAP\) 2026-2027](#)



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Annotation – Agenda Items 6.4 Governing Council May 29, 2026

Agenda Item

6.4 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 7-12 LEAs within San Luis Obispo County SELPA in the operation of Spectrum Central Coast for the 2026-2027 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
 - 25-26 Program Agreement between Spectrum Centers, Inc. and SELPA
 - 26-27 Program Agreement Addendum between Spectrum Centers, Inc. and SELPA
 - 26/27 Facility Agreement between Coast Unified School District and the SELPA
 - NPS Funding Allocation Model
 - Instructional Calendar and ESY (need to update)
 - Individual Service Agreement (need to update)
 - NPS Referral
 - Regional Program Referral Flowchart

Summary of Previous Action

The SELPA Governance approved the contract with Spectrum Center, Inc. on April 17, 2026 for the 26/27 school year. Countywide CBOs met on May 20, 2026 and recommended approval of the NPS Funding Model (option 2B) as presented below.

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 for 26/27.

Links to this Agenda Item

[Draft NPS MOU between 7-12 LEAs, COE, and SELPA](#)



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**Annotation – Agenda Items 6.5
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Agenda Item

6.5 SELPA Executive Director Salary Increase, 3%

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

The San Luis Obispo County Office of Education Cabinet will receive a 3% salary schedule increase effective July 1, 2026. This is in addition to an annual Step increase. This increase requires SELPA Governing Council approval for the SELPA Executive Director to be in alignment with SLOCOE, the administrative unit for SLO SELPA.

Summary of Previous Action

None.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of a 3% salary schedule increase for the SELPA Executive Director effective July 1, 2026.

Links to this Agenda Item

None.



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Annotation – Agenda Items 6.6 Governing Council May 29, 2026

Agenda Item

6.6 SELPA Governance Meeting Dates

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

The SELPA Executive Director will present a calendar of dates for SELPA Governance Council occurring in 2026-27 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

[26/27 SELPA Governance Council Meetings](#)



SELPA Governance Council Meeting

**Annotation – Agenda Items 7.1
Governing Council
May 29, 2026**

Information Item

7.1 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 report out of the SELPA Association Legislative Day that occurred on May 6, 2026.

Summary of Previous Action

None.

Recommendation

Not applicable.

Links to this Agenda Item

None.