



SELPA Governance Council Meeting

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AGENDA

September 11, 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

Join 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. Joseph Ledoux, Principal/Superintendent, Almond Acres Charter
Dr. Tom Bennett, Superintendent, Atascadero USD
Mr. Kester Bantin, 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 May 29, 2026

3.2 Approval of Agenda for September 11, 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 Goals, 26/27

SELPA Goals and priorities will be reviewed for the 26/27 school year with requested approval.

6.0 Information Items

6.1 SLO SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

The SELPA Executive Director will provide an update on the 26/27 SLO SELPA CAC, including the process for Bylaws review and revision.

6.2 Overview of Special Education within San Luis Obispo County

The SELPA Executive Director will provide an update on matters specific to the provision of special education in San Luis Obispo County, including a review of data trends.

6.3 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: October 16, 2026

10.0 Adjournment

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**Annotation – Agenda Items 3.1 & 3.2
Governing Council
September 11, 2026**

Agenda Item

- 3.1** Approval of Minutes from May 29, 2026
- 3.2** Approval of Agenda for September 11, 2026

Item Type

Consent Agenda

Summary of Key Issues

The minutes from the May 29, 2026 Governing Council and the agenda for the September 11, 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 May 29, 2026 and the meeting agenda for September 11, 2026.

Links to this Agenda Item

Approval of Minutes from [May 29, 2026](#)
Approval of Agenda for September 11, 2026

**Annotation – Agenda Items 5.1
Governing Council
May 29, 2026**

Agenda Item

5.1 San Luis Obispo County SELPA Goals, 26/27

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

The SELPA Executive Director will present the proposed 2026-2027 SELPA goals and priorities.

Goal areas include;

1. Connection
2. Collaboration
3. Capacity

Summary of Previous Action

None.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the 26-27 SELPA goals and priorities as presented.

Links to this Agenda Item

[Draft of proposed SELPA Goals, 26/27](#)

**Annotation – Agenda Items 6.1
Governing Council
September 11, 2026**

Information Item

6.1 SLO SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Item Type

Information

Summary of Key Issues

The SELPA Executive Director will provide an update on the 26/27 SLO SELPA CAC officers and approved goals as well as future plans for bylaw revision.

CAC 26/27 Officers:

Chair-Shannon Cogan, PRJUSD

Vice Chair- Adelita Hiteshew, PRJUSD

Secretary- Amber Gallagher, SELPA

Communication- Lexi Hagedorn, SLCUSD

Finance-Tricia Lomino, SELPA

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 September 11, 2026

Information Item

6.2 Overview of Special Education within San Luis Obispo County

Item Type

Information

Summary of Key Issues

The SELPA Executive Director will provide an update on matters specific to the provision of special education in San Luis Obispo County, including a review of data trends.

Summary of Previous Action

None.

Recommendation

Not applicable.

Links to this Agenda Item

None.



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Annotation – Agenda Items 6.3 Governing Council September 11, 2026

Information Item

6.3 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.

Summary of Previous Action

None.

Recommendation

Not applicable.

Links to this Agenda Item

None.