SELPA Governance Council Meeting

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AGENDA
November 20, 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

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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
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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

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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 October 16, 2026
3.2 Approval of Agenda for November 20, 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 2026-2027 SELPA Consultation Services for Students with Disabilities who are Parentally Placed In Private Schools
The 2026/2027 SELPA wide consultation services for students with disabilities who are parentally placed in private school based on annual consultation input are presented for approval.

5.2 Resolution in Appreciation of Services, No. 2026-1
The SELPA Executive Director will present a resolution on behalf of the retirement of Dr. James Brescia, San Luis Obispo County Superintendent of Schools, for adoption.

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: January 15, 2027

10.0 Adjournment

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Agenda Item

3.1 Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2026
3.2 Approval of Agenda for November 20, 2026

Item Type

Consent Agenda

Summary of Key Issues

The minutes from the October 16, 2026 Governing Council and the agenda for the November 20, 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 October 16, 2026 and the meeting agenda for November 20, 2026.

Links to this Agenda Item

Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2026
Approval of Agenda for November 20, 2026

Annotation – Agenda Items 5.1
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Agenda Item

5.1 2026-2027 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 22, 2026. Local Educational Agencies with private schools within their geographical boundaries followed up with private schools to seek input. On October 15, 2026, SEOC reviewed all input received via the private school consultation process for the 26/27 school year. On October 30, 2026 CBOs reviewed all input received via the private school consultation process for the 26/27 school year. Both groups respectively recommended approval.

The following services are being recommended for 26/27 and can be found within the SLO SELPA Procedures Manual for Students with Disabilities Parentally Placed in Private Schools (pg. 4):

"After consulting with representatives of private school students with disabilities as required by law, the School District determined that the following services shall be provided to private school students with disabilities ages three (3) to twenty-two (22) who are determined to be eligible for special education services and on an Individual Service Plan:

i. Access to professional learning offered through the SELPA for private school staff
ii. Access to professional learning offered through the Districts for private school staff, upon request to the District of Location
iii. Consultation"

Summary of Previous Action

None.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the 26/27 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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5.2 Resolution in Appreciation of Services, No. 2026-1

Item Type

Action

Summary of Key Issues

The San Luis Obispo County SELPA Executive Director and SELPA Governance Council recognize Dr. Jim Brescia for his twelve years of service as the San Luis Obispo County Superintendent of Schools and the Chair of the SELPA Governance Council.

Summary of Previous Action

None.

Recommendation

The SELPA Executive Director recommends approval of the adoption of Resolution 2026-1, Resolution in Appreciation of Services for Dr. Jim Brescia, San Luis Obispo County Superintendent of Schools, upon his retirement in January 2027.

Links to this Agenda Item

Resolution, 2026-1

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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. This includes an update on state and federal legislation.

Summary of Previous Action

None.

Recommendation

Not applicable.

Links to this Agenda Item

None.