

**San Bernardino City Unified School District
Department of Multilingual Programs
District English Learner Advisory Committee**

DELAC

March 7, 2025 Meeting

[Minutes of February 7, 2025 Meeting](#)

1. DELAC Committee Officers:

Elizabeth Romero (President), Yolanda Quintero (Vice President), Consuelo Rubio Mendoza (Secretary), Maricela Núñez (Parliamentarian), Rodolfina Gamino (Advisor), Tex Acosta (Director of Secondary Schools of the Multilingual Department), Les Ojeda (Director of Primary Schools of the Multilingual Department), and Víctor Mendoza (Coordinator of the Multilingual Department).

2. Opening:

The meeting began at 9:30 am. Mrs. Romero (DELAC President) welcomed all parents who were attending the meeting for the first time. She continued with DELAC expectation number 9, which reads: "We collaborate honestly, respect privacy and parent participation."

3. Permanent Topic of the Superintendent:

Mr. Arellano (Superintendent) quickly mentioned that he and the Board of Education members met to discuss responses to immigration concerns brought upon by recent national announcements. Additionally, information has been compiled for the community in hopes of bringing clarity to many concerns including the immigration events that are occurring. He spoke about the board guidelines that the District will be following in order to offer a safe place for students and their peace of mind. He spoke about the recent organized protests by middle and high school students and added that each one had been done peacefully. He shared that all principals and teachers ensured the safety of each student and he thanked those educators in attendance. Mrs. Applegate welcomed the parents and thanked them for being present despite the circumstances that are afflicting the community. She, too, shared some light on the SBCUSD responses to recent events. Dr. Sandra Rodriguez (Assistant Superintendent of Student Services) and Mr. Joe Paulino (District Police Chief) were also acknowledged for being present.

4. Attendance:

Mrs. Rodolfina Gamino (DELAC Advisor) took the roll call to determine which ELAC school representatives were present either in person or via zoom.

5. Reading of the Minutes:

Consuelo Rubio (DELAC Secretary) read the minutes of December 6, 2024. Ms. Vanessa Ybarra asked that her name be corrected and the corrections were made. Ms. Claudia Barbosa and Ms. Sandra Cortés made motions to approve the minutes and they were approved by majority vote.

- 6. FAFSA for Financial Aid-** Mrs. Romero (DELAC President) reminded the public about the FAFSA application process for student financial aid and shared that the Department of Family Engagement was facilitating various FAFSA workshops at various Family Engagement centers. She encouraged parents to attend the FAFSA workshops.

7. Presentation of Future Leaders:

Mr. Velasco spoke about the Student Leadership Development Program, its history and how it has evolved since its first camp in 1984. He mentioned that the work focuses on promoting the values of family, leadership and personal pride. He provided testimonies of students who have participated in Future Leader and how it helped them transform their lives. He recommended that parents encourage their students to participate in the summer camp and provided them with a website where interested students could complete their application.

8. Presentation: Requirements for Teachers and Teacher Assistants.

Dr. Morales (HR Director) and his team spoke about the teacher recruitment fair and the eligibility requirements. He encouraged parents to share the information in hopes of attracting new teachers to the SBCUSD. He shared that teacher hiring in the SBCUSD had increased during the current year compared to the previous year and noted the good work that has been done in the hiring of more Spanish-speaking teachers.

9. Presentation: Reclassification

Mr. Tex Acosta (Director of Secondary Schools for the Multilingual Department) explained the Reclassification process for English Learner students including the four criteria needed to do so. He shared the final SBCUSD reclassifications for the past year and presented the increase in percentages at all school levels. He also touched upon the requirements for Special Education students and the required four-year monitoring for students who have already been reclassified.

10. Public comments:

Access to CABE is limited at this time, but parents can ask their schools if they still have spaces available if they would like to attend.

11. Closing:

Ms. Elizabeth Romero closed the session at 11:46 am.