



San Joaquin County SELPA

SELPA GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

June 2, 2025

Minutes

PRESENT: Fallon Adolph (note taker), Marty Remmers, Rechelle Pearlman, Banta Elementary School District; Kelly Dextraze, Lincoln Unified School District; Roger Goatcher, Manteca Unified School District; Rob Pecot, Tracy Unified School District; Scott McGregor, Linden Unified School District; Jim Bridges, Jefferson Elementary School District; Ziggy Robeson, Ripon Unified School District; Ricardo Chavez, Escalon Unified School District, Troy Brown County Superintendent of Schools, Kellyann Reis, New Jerusalem Elementary School District

OTHERS PRESENT: Terrel Martinez, Janine Kaselin, Jane Chamberlain, Peter Foggiato.

ABSENT: Kirk Nicholas, Lammersville Unified School District, Clark Burke Manteca Unified School District.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Troy Brown called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2.1 2025-2026 Annual Budget Plan (Section D)

Marty presented the projected funding information outlined in Tables 1 through 5. Jane Chamberlain inquired whether there were any significant changes in funding compared to the previous year. Marty responded that there are no major changes, emphasizing that all figures in Section D are projections.

2.2 2025-2026 Annual Service Plan (Section E)

Marty provided an overview of the 2025–2026 Annual Service Plan (Section E), which includes a comprehensive list of all services currently being provided across SELPA school sites. He noted that the California Department of Education (CDE) made a change this year to Service Code 415 – Speech and Language. Specifically, the SELPA’s average caseload for Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) should not exceed 55. Ricardo Chavez asked whether Speech-Language Pathology Assistants (SLPAs) are included in this caseload calculation. Marty clarified that SLPAs are not counted toward the 55-student caseload limit, as they are not licensed SLPs.

3. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

- 3.1 Council of Directors Update: The SJC SELPA Governing Council will receive an update from the Council of Directors meetings from the Director of The San Joaquin County SELPA Marty Remmers.

Marty informed the council that San Joaquin County (SJC) SELPA has been designated as the Region 6 lead agency for two statewide initiatives:

- **Open Access:** Lead for Universal Design for Learning (UDL), Assistive Technology (AT), and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)
- **Pathways to Partnership:** Lead for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and California Department of Education (CDE) collaboration

Marty noted that with these lead roles, SJC SELPA will receive additional grant funding. He also emphasized that these roles offer valuable opportunities for the SELPA to build stronger connections with the CDE, including improved communication channels with the CDE's Constituents Office.

Professional Development Survey and Focus Areas

Marty informed the council that the SELPA conducts an annual professional development survey with the Council of Directors. This year, the survey was expanded to include "Breakfast Club" attendees, which consist of program specialists within the SELPA. Marty reviewed key focus areas identified for the upcoming year based on the survey results.

Year in Review Presentation

Marty shared the SELPA's Year in Review presentation, noting an increase in professional development attendance compared to the previous year. He also highlighted that, moving forward, the SELPA will place increased emphasis on how Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) strategies can support early conflict resolution within the special education process.

Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) Parent Packet Update

Marty presented the updated IEE Parent Packet, which now includes revisions made in response to a California Department of Education (CDE) complaint. He noted that San Joaquin County SELPA is actively supporting the ADR process associated with this matter.

Nonpublic School (NPS) Expansion with Spectrum

Marty provided an update on efforts to establish an additional NPS site in partnership with Spectrum. He stated that the SELPA is currently searching for a suitable building, with Lathrop identified as a centralized location that would support both ends of the SELPA. The expansion would provide up to 50 additional NPS placements.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Update

Marty reported that the CAC met on May 8, where he presented the Local Plan for the 2025–2026 school year. During the meeting, the CAC approved its meeting schedule for 2025–2026. The first presentation of the new school year will be delivered by the Family Resource Network and will cover the basics of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process.

- 3.2 SELPA Administrators of California: The SJC SELPA Governing Council will receive an update from the April and May CA State SELPA Meetings from the Director of The San Joaquin County SELPA Marty Remmers.

Marty presented a list of current legislative bills that the State SELPA organization is either supporting or monitoring. He informed the council that he has been appointed as the Central Region representative for SELPA and will also serve as Co-Chair for both the State SELPA Behavior Committee and the SEEDS Committee.

4. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

- 4.1 Minutes: The Governing Council is requested to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2025, regular meeting as presented.

Motion made By: Rob Pecot Seconded By: Kelly Dextraze

Yes: 10

No: None

Abstain: None

- 4.2 Meeting Calendar: The Governing Council is requested to approve a meeting schedule for the 2025-2026 school year.

Roger Goatcher made a motion to change August 4th to August 11th, October 6th to October 20th, and January 5th to January 12th.

Motion made By: Roger Goatcher Seconded By: Kelly Dextraze

Yes: 10

No: None

Abstain: None

- 4.3 The SJC SELPA Governing Council is requested to consider approval of the following:

2025– 2026 Annual Budget Plan (Section D)

Motion made By: Jim Bridges Seconded By: Ziggy Robeson

Yes: 10
No: None
Abstain: None

2025– 2026 Annual Service Plan (Section E)

Motion made By: Jim Bridges Seconded By: Ziggy Robeson

Yes: 10
No: None
Abstain: None

5. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

6. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.