



# San Joaquin County SELPA

## SELPA GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

September 8, 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; Rusty Clark, Ripon Unified School District; Ricardo Chavez, Escalon Unified School District, Troy Brown County Superintendent of Schools, Kellyann Reis, New Jerusalem Elementary School District, Kirk Nicholas, Lammersville Unified School District

OTHERS PRESENT: Jane Chamberlain, Peter Foggiato, Samantha Sanchez

ABSENT: Clark Burke Manteca Unified School District.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Troy Brown called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

### 2. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

- 2.1 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.

The San Joaquin County SELPA Governing Council received an informational update from Director Marty Remmers regarding recent activities and discussions from the Council of Directors (COD).

#### **Private School Meeting:**

SELPA is organizing its annual Private School Meeting with all LEAs and private schools within the San Joaquin County SELPA.

#### **Professional Development Series:**

A 5-part professional development series will be offered for COD members. The

sessions, facilitated by Joel Rabin, will focus on data-driven decision-making.

**Federal Advocacy Trip:**

Marty provided a recap of the recent CAFSE Federal Funding Advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. He and parent representative Connor Sloan participated, advocating for increased special education funding and sharing local impacts with congressional representatives.

Superintendent Rachelle Pearlman and Superintendent Rusty Clark expressed the importance of the ongoing work and shared how their respective districts are being impacted by current funding challenges.

Superintendent Clark also offered to share a contact involved in special education advocacy with Marty, noting that the individual may serve as a valuable resource.

**Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Membership:**

The CAC is currently seeking both parent and district representatives. Upcoming meeting dates were shared with the Council.

**Staffing Updates:**

Two new staff members have joined SELPA:

- **Samantha Sanchez** – Administrative Assistant (replacing Fallon Adolph)
- **Shannon Soriano** – Data Specialist (new position)

**Nonpublic School (NPS) Needs in South County:**

SELPA continues exploring options to address the need for NPS services in South County. Marty will meet with other local SELPAs on September 9, 2025 to discuss collaborative solutions.

**Independent Educational Evaluations (IEEs):**

IEEs remain a recurring topic at COD meetings. A preliminary cost analysis was conducted by Marty. The Council of Directors has approved an independent cost analysis. Additionally, Marty shared that a recent ADR complaint filed with the California Department of Education (CDE) was resolved, and the complainant has been withdrawn from Upcountry Advocates.

**Professional Development and Training:**

A list of current and completed professional development offerings for LEAs was shared. These include sessions on inclusive practices, data, behavior intervention, and more.

### **Program Updates:**

Marty provided updates on SELPA-supported programs:

- Alternative Pathway Diploma
- WorkAbility
- Residential Treatment Facility placements
- Low Incidence services and funding
- Counseling Advocacy, Resource Connections, Education Supports, and Social Skills (CARES)

Marty shared upcoming dates for the following professional development opportunities and Workability events.

### **Breakfast Club Meetings**

Peer-to-peer support for Education and Program Specialists across SELPA

- September 26, 2025
- November 14, 2025
- January 30, 2026
- March 27, 2026
- May 15, 2026

### **WorkAbility Events**

- **Work Expo** – October 23, 2025, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM, Wentworth Education Center
- **Holiday Boutique** – December 4, 2025, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM, Wentworth Education Center
- **Special Olympics (West High School)** – September 19, 2025, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
- **Special Olympics (East Union High School)** – November 7, 2025, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

## Upcoming Trainings

- **Trauma-Informed Classrooms – Counselors and Clinicians Summit** – September 23, 2025
- **Coffee and Conversation: Inclusion** – October 29, 2025
- **CalPADS Roadshow** – October 6, 2025
- **Project MUSE – Dually Identified Students** – Ongoing (2nd and 3rd sessions)
- **UDL EdTech ReMIX** – October 20, 2025
- **Community Connector’s Fair** – September 30, 2025
- **Equitable Math: Inclusive Practices** – September 30, 2025
- **SJC Legal Summit** – October 16, 2025
- **AAC Foundations** – October 20–21, 2025
- **Behavior Intervention Plans** – October 29, 2025

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

### **Fiscal Update**

Marty shared a fiscal update from the State SELPA. He noted that all end-of-year reporting forms are due to the SELPA office no later than September 15, 2025. He also distributed a handout titled *News Round-Up*, published by School Services of California, which included information on recent changes to equipment inventory thresholds.

### **IDEA 50th Anniversary**

Marty announced that 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). In recognition of this milestone, the State SELPA will be releasing a monthly bulletin throughout the year.

### **Legislative Update**

Marty reported that Assembly Bill 784 (AB 784) has been chaptered. Additional legislative updates from the State SELPA were also provided.

### **Local Plan Update**

Lastly, Marty informed the Council that Section B of the San Joaquin County SELPA Local Plan will need to be updated in the coming year. The update process will begin in January 2026, and a committee will be formed to support this work. Mr. Remmers will solicit volunteers for committee membership as needed.

### 3. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

- 3.1 Minutes: The Governing Council is requested to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2025, regular meeting as presented.

Motion made By: Roger Goatcher Seconded By: Kelly Dextraze

Yes: 11

No: None

Abstain: None

- 4.2 Meeting Calendar: The Governing Council is requested to approve moving the October 20, 2025 Governing Council meeting to October 13, 2025.

Motion made By: Kelly Dextraze Seconded By: Rachele Pearlman

Yes: 11

No: None

Abstain: None

### 4. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

### 5. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.