

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

**October 3, 2025
September 5, 2025 Minutes**

1. DELAC Committee Officers:

Elizabeth Romero (President), Yolanda Quintero (Vice President), Consuelo A. Rubio Mendoza (Secretary), Maricela Nunez (Parliamentarian), Rommy Gamino (Advisor), Tex Acosta (Director of Secondary Schools, Multilingual Department), Les Ojeda (Director of Elementary Schools, Multilingual Department).

2. Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Mrs. Elizabeth Romero (President). She welcomed the representatives, parents, and especially the new attendees. The meeting opened with a special artistic presentation by Dulce Najar, a former student of several San Bernardino schools. She expressed her gratitude to the parents for their involvement, emphasizing that their participation supports their student's educational success.

3. Expectations of DELAC:

In reviewing DELAC's expectations, Ms. Romero focused on expectation number two: We focused on the needs of parents and English learners.

4. Permanent Topic of the Superintendent:

Ms. Applegate welcomed all the attendees and acknowledged the parents who were joining the board for the first time. She celebrated the academic achievements of the English learners and their determination to reach their goals. Ms. Applegate announced that the Multilingual Department is a finalist for the Golden Bell Award from the state of California, recognizing the department's excellence and leadership in bilingual education. She introduced Tasha Doizan, who will be taking over the role previously held by Dr. Funches. Ms. Doizan expressed her excitement for returning "home" to the district. Dr. Sandra Rodriguez extended an invitation to visit the new Páxám Páxám Welcome Center, which houses multiple departments and student support programs. These include, Enrollment, Multilingual Department, a medical clinic, counseling, therapy, after-school programs, and Family Engagement. She shared that various workshops will be offered throughout the year, and the center is committed to bringing even more resources to families and scholars.

Mrs. MaryRone (Director of the Communications Department) also expressed her gratitude for the continued support from families and thanked them for the invitation to speak.

5. Attendance:

Mrs. Yolanda Quintero (Vice President) conducted a roll call, and representatives had the opportunity to answer “present”. A total of 33 attendees participated via Zoom.

6. Reading of the Minutes:

Ms. Consuelo Rubio (Secretary) read the minutes from the May 2, 2025 DELAC meeting, and two votes were requested to approve. Ms. Maria Luisa Ramirez (mother with children at Middle College and Arrowview) and Ms. Eduvina Lozano (Vice President with children at Vermont and Chavez) made motions, and the minutes were approved.

7. Presentation: The achievements of DELAC

President Elizabeth Romero of the DELAC Council gave a summary of the progress the DELAC achieved during the school 2024-2025 school year. This included cultural performances and recognitions at meetings, introducing Vietnamese interpreting services, conducting regular meetings with the ELAC representatives, meeting with the California Department of Education for guidance, creating timely notifications and videos for parents, successful passage of the DELAC bylaws, ensuring parents attended CABE and CABE Regional, issuing certificates of participation for DELAC meeting attendees, creating new DELAC page on social networks (Facebook and Instagram) and creating an end of the year video. She thanked everyone for their collaboration and support in contributing to these collective achievements.

8. Presentation: Written notifications

Mr. Acosta, Director of Secondary Multilingual Department explained the yearly notification letter (section by section) to parents of English Learner students so they could better read and understand it. He explained that in order for students to be reclassified, the following requirements needed to be met: a score of a 4 on the ELPAC (or a 3 on the Alternate ELPAC; whichever the case may be), a score of at least 25% on the STAR test, explained the listen-speak-read-write sections and scores, and added that it was important for parents to support their students in reading at home so students can succeed. He added that the letter contained the phone numbers of both the Elementary and Secondary Multilingual office if they had any concerns.

9. Presentation: Migration Legal Services

Mrs. Gallegos of the Organization “TODEC.org” provided extensive information on legal services, such as formalities, preventive measures, California law and rights, for planning, emergency contacts and different guidance to keep the community informed. She explained that there are many resources available.

They offered brochures, QR codes for appointments, and personal guidance to support parents.

10. Public Comments:

Mrs. Ochoa thanked Principal Pedraza and Mr. Galdamez (vice principal), both from the Adult School, for supporting CEBET classes. She explained that many parents begin with these classes and later enroll in Adult School. She asked for flexibility with requiring parents to walk up to the microphone for comments as many of them are shy.

Dr. Barajas-Gonzalez from Family Engagement invited parents to continue attending so that more representatives from other departments can share their information.

A mother commented that the schedule of Cafe de Padres was contradictory to student entry time. It was explained that the Cafe de Padres would start a little later to accommodate parents.

A mother commented that they prefer remaining seated when expressing their concerns opposed to speaking at the podium.

Mr. Galdamez invited those present to register for the different classes offered by the adult school such as English classes, citizenship, GED or High School diploma, and computer classes. He mentioned there are classes available in the morning, afternoon, or virtually in order to support parents.

The school administrators congratulated the parents who are achieving their GED or High School Diploma and are inviting them to pursue a degree.

11. Closure.

The President closed the meeting at 11:41 a.m.