



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Minutes for Special Meeting of the District English Language Learner Advisory Committee
(DELAC)**

Thursday, October 30, 2025

9:00 – 9:36 a.m.

- Meeting started at 9:02am by Deborah Lukic, Family Engagement TOSA
- **Welcome, Introductions and Expressions of Appreciations (2 min)**
- **Review of Norms and Expectations for DELAC Meetings (3 min) - Stefanie Serrato, DELAC President**
 - Attendees roll call: Deborah Lukic, Dr. Alyssa O’Grady, Chelsea Burris, Alex Aspron, Patty Hernandez, Stefanie Serrato, Dr. Antonio Shelton, Elena Uliantzeff, Yheisi Alfaro, Kazuaki Okamoto, Daniele Trussardi, Frams, Elizabeth, Elizabeth Pineda, Alicia Magnano, Maria Vasquez, Nallely Gutierrez, Florencia Rams, Rubicely Lomeli
- **SMMUSD Vision, Celebrations and Goals (40 min) - by Dr. Antonio Shelton, Superintendent**
 - Dr. Shelton provided an overview of how the district collaborates with parents and members of the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC), emphasizing the importance and impact of this work.
 - He shared his professional journey, from Principal to Executive Director to Superintendent, and highlighted the significance of Reclassification for English Learners. He spoke about the need to “shake things up” and embrace positive disruption as a pathway to growth and improvement.
 - He encouraged adaptability, noting that as life changes, so must the ways we serve our students and families. He emphasized the importance of strengthening our collective identity as educators and district leaders by centering students in every decision we make.
 - Acknowledging that the current system was not originally built for every child, he reaffirmed our commitment to the power of diversity and inclusion — creating a culture of curiosity, belonging, and equity. He stressed the need to cultivate environments where every student feels a genuine sense of belonging the moment they enter a classroom.
 - He announced upcoming student interviews to gather feedback on their school experiences and emphasized the importance of using data to understand which students are thriving, academically and emotionally,

and to take meaningful action when they are not.

- He concluded by reinforcing that there are no limits to what we can achieve when we stay grounded in inclusion and action. He ended with a short video illustrating these themes and the shared role of educators and parents in shaping student success.
- Watched the Superhero Video - Dr. Shelton discussed the role of a super hero and how they affect the world around them with their super powers. A common theme is we love kids and we want to do right by them.
- **Questions and Answers on the topic** (10 min) - Nallely asked if it was the video we watched at Convocation and he confirmed it was and discussed how we are collectively working towards the same goals to support the students. He clarified that everyone plays an important role in our school district.
 - Dr. Williamson answered a question from the chat asking how this plan is being implemented at schools, specifically, whether it involves only training teachers in techniques for working with students.
- **Public Comment (2 minutes each person)**
 - Stefanie Serrato, DELAC President
- **Topics for Next Meeting: Review and adoption of DELAC Bylaws and Calendar; Review and Update on ELPAC and Notification to Parents** (3 min)
 - Stefanie Serrato, DELAC President reviewed the upcoming topics:
 - Review of DELAC Bylaws and Calendar
 - Review and Update on ELPAC
 - Review Notification to Parents
- **Meeting Adjourned (2 min) Meeting ended at 9:36 A.M.**
 - Stefanie Serrato, DELAC President

Next Meeting: November 13th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., via Zoom

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