



San Joaquin County SELPA

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SELPA GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
GAYLORD A. NELSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER | BOARD ROOM
2922 TRANSWORLD DRIVE, STOCKTON, CA 95206
October 13, 2025 | 9:45 A.M.**

Minutes

PRESENT: Samantha Sanchez (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; Troy Brown County Superintendent of Schools, Kirk Nicholas, Lammersville Unified School District

OTHERS PRESENT: Jane Chamberlain, Peter Foggiato, Terrel Martinez, Austin Nogueira

ABSENT: Clark Burke Manteca Unified School District, Ricardo Chavez, Escalon Unified School District, Kellyann Reis, New Jerusalem Elementary School District

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

2.1. Council of Directors Update: The San Joaquin County SELPA Governing Council received an update from the September 17, 2025, Council of Directors meeting.

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 Consultation Meeting:

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are mandated to meet with Private Schools for consultation at least once a year. SELPA is organizing the meeting inviting all LEAs and Private Schools in San Joaquin County (SJC) SELPA. The meeting will be

pushed back to Spring of 2026 after Proportionate Share Reporting is available.

Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) Discussion at COD:

There is a spreadsheet for all LEAs to fill out when conducting an IEE, and this will help with cost cap decisions and community among the SELPA.

San Joaquin County (SJC) SELPA - Special Education Legal Summit:

San Joaquin County SELPA is partnering with Heyer Gutierrez to provide legal updates, review current trends, and give guidance on Individual Education Plan (IEP) best practices. The event is taking place on October 16, 2025 and starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m.

CALPADS/SEIS:

Census Day is complete and there were zero errors by November 21, 2025. All SEIS users will be required to use multi-factor authentication. Shannon Soriano will hold office hours every Monday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Residential Treatment Centers Updates:

There are currently three out of state placements from Tracy Unified School District (TUSD) and Manteca Unified School District. There are two referrals in process for TUSD and Escalon Unified School District (EUSD). One placement is a possible continuation of parent placement from Lammersville Unified School District (LUSD). Marty Remmeres discussed the importance of keeping students in the state of California to receive their education versus sending them out of state to keep them local working with districts.

Workability Updates:

Marty mentioned that Workability students have started working in the community, at school, and the Vocational Skills Lab. There are 258 students who have been referred and received employment documentation. The goal is to get 300 students placed this year.

Marty went over the turnout of the Special Olympics event that took place on September 19, 2025 at West High School from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Robert Pecot said that it was an awesome event and there was a really good turn out.

Marty was asked by Troy Brown if there will be another Special Olympics in Manteca. There will be another one at East Union High School on November 7, 2025 hosted by East Union High School and Workability will be assisting.

The SELPA Director spoke about the upcoming Bridging Futures Work Expo, which is an interactive event designed to provide students with the opportunity to connect with a diverse range of companies and industry experts, gaining firsthand insights into various career paths.

Delta Sierra Region 6 Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Community of Practice (CoP):

Marty went over this meeting which is on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. At this meeting the priority is to build connections, discuss CoP responsibilities, and explore tangible resources to support Alternative Dispute Resolution work across the Region 6 area.

Community Advisory Committee (CAC):

Marty discussed the CAC meeting that took place on September 11, 2025. Child care was provided and the training topic was on Individualized Education Program (IEP) binders for families. The next meeting will be on November 13, 2025 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The training will be on alternative dispute resolution strategies presented by Staci Johnson.

WestEd Nonpublic School Report:

The SELPA Director discussed the key points in the West Ed Nonpublic School Report. The California Department of Education (CDE) contracted with WestEd to conduct a study of nonpublic schools and agencies, as authorized by Assembly Bill 180 (2022). The overall findings were that it is recommended that LEAs have more of a role and more funding. California Education Code should be updated.

Rusty Clark asked what school districts can do to become more involved.

Marty reported from the WestEd Nonpublic School Report that according to student outcomes, the state currently doesn't have enough data to view the quality and effectiveness of nonpublic schools with disabilities. He also reported that the statute be changed to require LEAs to post more data for students who are placed in nonpublic schools.

Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) Discussion

Marty will facilitate a MOU discussion with the Council of Directors (COD) after the next COD meeting on October 25, 2025.

The Spotlight Event:

The SELPA Director spoke about the Spotlight Event taking place on March 14, 2026, which is a talent show that celebrates talents of students in special education by giving them a chance to shine in front of the community.

Business Updates:

Austin Nogueira went over the 2025-2026 Usage Calculation sheet that they average out throughout the year. Their business team has worked to figure out the first error of expenditures. Column F has been updated and there is a total cost increase because of settlement increases that were not a part of the budget.

- 2.2. SELPA Administrators of California: The SJC SELPA Governing Council received an update from the SELPA Administrators of California meeting from the Director of The San Joaquin County SELPA, Marty.

CAFSE New Round Up:

The Governing Council received a fiscal year 2026 federal budget update. Marty mentioned that the House FY 2026 Proposal and Senate FY 2026 Proposal were updated to be separate. Marty recommended that they reach out to Shannon and she can help with data and any errors.

Legislative Update:

Marty spoke about the legislative update, which the Governor has until October 13, 2025 to sign or veto bills. AB 1224 60 day substitute teaching authorization was vetoed. A template letterhead was provided for districts to utilize.

Jane Chamberlain asked if training for substitute teachers is required and Marty said Governor Newsome wants the training for substitute teachers to be mandatory and part of the bill language.

Rusty Clark mentioned that Nevada County has training required for substitute teachers.

Local Plan Committee:

Marty went over the local plan committee and how he will work with COD to get committee members, and workgroups begin November 21, 2025. Voting will happen at SJC Governance Council at the June meeting.

High Quality IEPs:

Marty discussed the ASCEND Community of Practice (CoP) workshop, which can help students advocate for themselves during the IEP process. The ASCEND COP is facilitated by members of the High Quality IEPs State Technical Assistance Team.

Washington DC Federal Funding Advocacy Trip:

Marty and Connor Sloan represented the San Joaquin County Office of Education. At the trip they discussed the IDEA Part B Grant Funding Gap.

Screening for Risk of Reading Difficulties:

Marty spoke about the Charter Authorizer Toolkit and also the email from the California Department of Education.

Rusty Clark mentioned a concern with the screening and teachers wanting to get students assessed when they are low, and how do LEAs address potential increases in assessments coming about from the screening.

Marty indicated it is important for districts to utilize common language when addressing challenges related to the screening process. He also indicated that strong-evidenced based reading curriculum should be utilized, and find ways to strengthen Tier 1 supports in their LEAs MTSS model.

- 2.3. Annual Evaluation: The San Joaquin County SELPA Governing Council will receive information for the annual evaluation of the San Joaquin County SELPA

Director.

Jane discussed the results of Marty's evaluation that were held at the end of May. Marty was proud of how everyone in his team was feeling supported. He has gotten involved in regional and state meetings. In the process of evaluation he reflected how he has updated the IEE process and sponsored PD for over 2000 participants. He has also begun to develop a SELPA procedural manual and paraprofessional training for this year.

3. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

- 3.1. Minutes: The San Joaquin County SELPA Governing Council is requested to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2025, regular meeting as presented.

Motion made by: Rusty Clark
Seconded by: Roger Goatcher

Yes: 9

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS: Board members may address relevant issues and concerns. Comments will be noted.

There were no comments to be noted.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

- 5.1. Troy Brown adjourned the meeting at: 10:47 a.m.

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