

California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions
Joint Powers Authority (CAHELP JPA)
GOVERNANCE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TELECONFERENCE ONLY
December 10, 2025 – 8:00 a.m.

Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley, CA 92307
Zoom link: <https://sbcss-net.zoom.us/j/99910662028?pwd=yO1E1YhCMtt1fNCNfPcUqPNFCqnnTU.1>

MINUTES

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Academy of Academic Excellence – Lisa Lamb, Allegiance STEAM Academy – Dr. Sebastian Cognetta, Apple Valley USD – Trenae Nelson, Barstow USD – Deanna Swearingen, Desert Trails & LaVerne Prep Academies – Debbie Tarver, Excelsior Charter – Dr. Derek King, Hesperia USD – Dr. Michelle Smith, Lucerne Valley USD – Peter Livingston, Needles USD – Dr. Garry Cameron (non-voting), Oro Grande SD – Derrick Delton, Silver Valley USD – Jesse Najera, Snowline JUSD – Dr. Ryan Holman, and Victor Elementary SD – Lori Clark

GUESTS PRESENT:

None.

CAHELP JPA STAFF PRESENT:

Pam Bender, Linda Llamas, Kayla Gewirtz, Heidi Chavez, and Peggy Dunn.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions, Joint Powers Authority (CAHELP, JPA) Governance Council was called to order by Chairperson Jesse Najera at 8:00 a.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Following roll call, a quorum was confirmed to be present in accordance with the Brown Act and satisfied all legal requirements.

3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

4.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that a motion was made by Lori Clark, seconded by Trenae Nelson, to approve the December 10, 2025, CAHELP JPA Governance Council Special Meeting Agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote: 12:0:0. Ayes: Lamb, Cognetta, Nelson, Swearingen, Tarver, King, Smith, Livingston, Delton, Najera, Holman, and Clark. Nays: None, Abstentions: None.

5.0 INFORMATION / ACTION

5.1 Consider approval of School Services and CAHELP JPA Contract to collaborate in completing an Allocation Policy and provide mentorship to Program Manager, Fiscal Services.

BE IT RESOLVED that a motion was made by Trenae Nelson, seconded by Lisa Lamb, to approve the School Services and CAHELP JPA Contract to collaborate in completing an Allocation Policy and provide mentorship to Program Manager, Fiscal Services. The motion carried on the following vote: 12:0:0. Ayes: Lamb, Cognetta, Nelson, Swearingen, Tarver, King, Smith, Livingston, Delton, Najera, Holman, and Clark. Nays: None, Abstentions: None.

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6.0 GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS / REPORTS

Trenae Nelson and Ryan Holman shared their appreciation of those who assisted with coordinating and moving the contract forward. This is a great learning opportunity.

7.0 CEO COMMENTS

No comments made.

8.0 MATTERS BROUGHT BY GENERAL PUBLIC

No matters were brought by the public.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, the Special meeting of the CAHELP JPA Governance Council was adjourned by Chairperson Jesse Najera at 8:12 am.

The next regular meeting of the CAHELP JPA Governance Council will be held on Friday, February 6, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., at the Roy C. Hill Education Center located at 601 North E Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

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