WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SELPA

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: Virtual Meeting

January 26, 2026

6:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Quorum Present

1. Ms. Mariana Lopez	Alhambra USD
2. Ms. Lilibeth K. Peñafuerte	Duarte USD
3. Ms. Cara Torricelli	Duarte USD
4. Ms. Kathy Bahm	Garvey SD
5. Ms. Irene Cano	Garvey SD
6. Ms. Elizabeth Saavedra	Monrovia USD
7. Ms. Sara Varela	Mt. View Elementary SD
8. Ms. Kathryn Humphreys	San Gabriel USD
9. Mr. Yougeng Sun	San Marino USD
10. Mr. Oscar Madrigal	South Pasadena USD
11. Ms. Esther Yoon	South Pasadena USD
12. Ms. Janice Trivino (Chair)	Temple City USD

Also present: Connie Kwok (Parent's Place) , Victor Mercado (ELARC), Nora Perez-Givens (SGPRC), Amos Byun (SGPRC), Magdalena Cenovio (SGPRC)
Kitty Louie (Assistant Superintendent-GSD), Malia Freeman (parent-RESD), Edie Ames (Parent-GSD), Adriana (Parent-GSD), Christina Luviano (parent-EMUHSD), Kelly Jacobs (parent-MUSD), Tamara Schiern (Executive Director, West San Gabriel Valley SELPA), Racine Huliganga (Program Specialist, West San Gabriel Valley SELPA).

I. CALL TO ORDER

a. Ms. Janice Trivino (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:02pm
b. All members and attendees introduced themselves

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

a. Quorum Established

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

a. Mr. Yougeng Sun moved to approve the agenda
b. Ms. Kathryn Humphreys seconded the motion to approve the agenda
c. No discussion.
d. The motion is carried with no opposing votes.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Ms. Janice Trivino (Chair) shared she is proud to be part of the group and is glad to see its membership growing.
b. Ms. Edie Ames asked for clarification on the term "service cliff, something Mr. Youngent Sun had mentioned.
    - Mr. Yougeng Sun explains "service cliff" term

V. Review of Membership/Representatives for Districts

a. Ms. Schiern explained the purpose of the CAC as outlined by the Ed code. She noted that it has been some time since all districts had representatives and the group has had a quorum and that she had been working with districts on the CAC representative appointment process. She expressed a thank you to all the new members in attendance and noted that it was the first time the CAC had had a quorum since spring 2025.

VI. Nomination/Election of Board Member

a. Ms. Tamara Schiern shared that there is currently a vacancy in the Vice Chair role.
b. Ms. Schiern and Ms. Janice Trivino (Chair) explained the role and responsibilities of Vice Chair
c. Ms. Irene Cano nominated herself for Vice Chair
d. No additional nominations were offered
e. Motion was made to call for a vote for Vice Chair
f. Ms. Janice Trivino (Chair) seconded the motion to call a vote for Vice Chair.
g. No discussion.
h. Ms. Irene Cano was elected Vice Chair with no opposing votes.

VII. REPORTS

1. SELPA UPDATE - Tamara Schiern, Executive Director, West San Gabriel Valley SELPA
    a. Ms. Schiern shared that she is happy about the revitalization of the CAC and excited to see the CAC continue to strengthen.
2. Regional Center – East Los Angeles Regional Center – Victor Mercado
    a. Shared information about upcoming events: flyers, links and information will be emailed to CAC members
        i. Fostering Independence for Your Family Member Tuesday January 27, 2026 11:00am (Registration Link)
        ii. ELARC New Family Orientation 2nd Wednesday of the Month 10:00am-12:00pm (Zoom Link)

iii. AAC: Parents and Professionals Working Together Febrauary 11, 20206 11:00am - 1:00pm (Registration Link)
iv. Empower Hour Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 4:00pm-5:00pm (Zoom Link)

3. Regional Center – San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center –Magdalena Cenovio and Amos Byun
    a. Visit SGPRC website (LINK) to sign up to receive updated news from San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center including upcoming trainings and events.
        i. If you would like to be part of the advisory committee there is a meeting on Thursday 1/28 6:00-7:00pm (Registration LINK)
        ii. **SG/PRC Events and Outreach Plan:** Stay Connected with SG/PRC: 3rd Tuesday 10:00am
        iii. **SAE Events**
            • Hispanic and Asian Community Gatherings on 1/22 and 1/31
            • SDP Waiting Room - 3rd Thursday starting at 5:30pm
            • Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) gathering 2/7
            • Southeast Asian Support Group on 2/14
            • Community Information Forum 2/19
            • New Family Orientation 3/21
        iv. **Community Outreach**
            • Lunar New Year Event at Hacienda Heights Community Center on 2/13
            • Arcadia Lunar New Year Event on 2/22
            • WSGV SELPA Resource Fair on 2/28

4. Parents' Place – Connie Kwok
    a. Ms. Connie Kwok explained the purpose of Parent's Place
        i. Parents' Place - Transition Conference - "Life After High School, What you need to know…" to be held on Feb 7, 2026 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Coronado Alternative School, West Covina. Registration link: https://tinyurl.com/46pcrjey
        ii. Ms. Kwok shared that members can go to their website www.parentsplacefrc.com for our services and workshop/event schedules. Office number: 626-919-1091 or email her for any questions /information/resources - connie.k@parentsplacefrc.com

VIII. Action Item
    a. CAC Bylaws
        - Ms. Tamara Schiern reviewed the revised CAC bylaws that were developed by a sub-committee comprised of CAC members and reviewed at a previous CAC meeting.
        - Mr. Youngeng Sun moved to approve the revised bylaw
        - Ms. Lilibeth K. Peñafuerte seconded the motion.
        - Discussion:

1. Mr. Yougeng Sun asked if the CAC quorum will increase with the proposed changes on membership
2. Ms. Schiern explained that quorum number was not changed in the proposed bylaw revisions
3. No further discussion
4. Motion to approve revised bylaws was carried unanimously.

IX. SELPA Events

a. Students with Disabilities Resource Fair – February 28, 2025
   - Ms. Elizabeth Saavedra volunteered to represent CAC at the Resource Fair and Ms. Janice Trevino noted that anyone may show up and work at the table.

X. MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

a. Ms. Kathryn Humphreys motioned to adjourn CAC meeting at 7:09pm
b. Ms. Irene Cano seconded the motion.
c. Motion carried unanimously.