

California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions,
Joint Powers Authority (CAHELP, JPA)
DESERT MOUNTAIN SELPA COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 16, 2026 – 4:30 p.m.
Desert Mountain Educational Service Center, 17800 Highway 18, Apple Valley CA 92307
(Virtual)

MINUTES

DESERT MOUNTAIN SELPA MEMBERS PRESENT:

Academy of Academic Excellence/Norton Sciences and Language Academy –Valerie Graham, Adelanto Elementary SD – Dr. Amber Best and Annie Perez, Excelsior - Deanna Crocker, Hesperia USD Shannon Garibay, Diana Robertson-Ramos, and Eric Land, Silver Valley Unified SD – Dr. Cheri Rigdon, Snowline Joint Unified SD – Jessica Groh, Southern California Flex Academy- Stephanie Van Epps, Taylton – Karen Ware

CAHELP, DM SELPA, AND DMCC STAFF PRESENT:

Heidi Chavez, Elizabeth Dela Cruz, Michelle Lindenmuth, Edson Magana, Yazmin Medina, Vianca Padilla, Ana Perez, Yolanda Roman, Heather Salgado, Jessica Soto

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions, Joint Powers Authority (CAHELP, JPA) Desert Mountain SELPA Community Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Amber Best at 4:33 p.m.

2.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

3.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- 3.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that a motion was made by Valerie Graham, seconded by Karen Ware, to approve the April 16, 2026, Desert Mountain SELPA Community Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda as presented. The motion carried and approved unanimously.

4.0 CONSENT ITEMS

It is recommended that the Desert Mountain SELPA Community Advisory Committee consider approving the minutes. Consent Items are routine in nature and can be enacted in one motion without further discussion. Consent items may be called up by any Committee Member at the meeting for clarification, discussion, or change.

- 4.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that a motion was made by Valerie Graham, seconded by Karen Ware, to approve the following Consent Item as presented. The motion carried and approved unanimously.

February 19, 2026, Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

No Action Items.

6.0 INFORMATION/ ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 CAC Parent Survey

- Heidi stated that the information will be sent out.

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7.0 PRESENTATION

7.1 Presentation: Promoting Everyday Independence: Life Skills for All Abilities

8.0 MATTERS BROUGHT BY THE PUBLIC

There were no matters brought by the public.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that there was a motion made by Heather Salgado, seconded by Valerie Graham to adjourn the Desert Mountain SELPA Community Advisory Committee Meeting at 5:45 pm. The motion carried and **approved**.

The next regular meeting of the Desert Mountain SELPA Community Advisory Committee will be tentatively held on Thursday, September 17, 2026, November 12, 2026, February 18, 2027, and April 15, 2027. The dates are subject to change based on the approved CAHELP, JPA events and meetings calendar.

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