



San Joaquin County SELPA

**COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WENTWORTH EDUCATION CENTER | GREENWOOD 3
2707 TRANSWORLD DRIVE, STOCKTON, CA 95206
June 15, 2026 | 12:00 P.M.
Minutes**

PRESENT: Marty Remmers, Jody Burriss, Ann Siegel, Thomas Crocker, Rowena Fairbanks, Travis Manley, Jason Davis, Robert Bornmann, Danyelle Gonzalez, Jamie Hughes

OTHERS PRESENT: Lexi Chalender (note taker), Eric Peters, Austin Nogueira, Zachary Franceschetti, Sonia Moscatelli, Gary Philips, Deanie Coleman, Susan Scott

ABSENT: NelLaine Kilgore, Bridget Deneau

1. CALL TO ORDER: Marty Remmers called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

2. COMMENTS:

Public Comments: There were no comments from the audience.

3. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

3.1 County Programs Update- Rowena Fairbanks

Rowena shared that Enrique Lopez has been selected as the new Special Education Director III and updated the Council on additional employee updates happening in County Programs. She also discussed new classroom locations being added that will be hosted within the districts.

Rowena reported that parent mileage reimbursement is currently being processed for 10 students for the 2025–2026 school year. As part of the transition process, the district will be receiving information on receiving mileage reimbursement so that they can assume responsibility for these reimbursements in the 2026-2027 year. She also provided information regarding the students' districts of residence.

3.2 San Joaquin County SELPA Update - Marty Remmers

Marty shared updates regarding the development of a new Individual Education Plan (IEP) template, noting that the California Department of Education (CDE) and several statewide workgroups collaborated on its creation. A High Quality IEP presentation and template were presented to State SELPAs as a model for improving IEP development and implementation. Marty explained that both the IEP process and template have been redesigned to promote a more student centered approach. He noted that districts would

have implementation support available should they choose to transition to the new format.

SEIS has indicated that there will be no additional cost to maintain access to both the current and new templates during the transition period. A link to the High Quality IEP presentation was provided. The template is still under development, and is anticipated to be finalized by the end of June.

Marty reported that SJCOE's legal team reviewed the new template and did not identify any concerns. He also noted that support will be available for training and implementation should districts decide to adopt the new format.

Robert suggested forming a small team of teachers and staff to participate in upcoming training and help support implementation efforts. Thomas and Travis expressed interest in participating in the workgroup as well. Jamie shared that Linden is interested in piloting the template, while Jody from Manteca indicated they would consider implementation after initial challenges and adjustments have been addressed.

Robert and Jamie expressed interest in both virtual High Quality IEP training and district-level, in-person training opportunities facilitated by the SELPA to support successful implementation of the new template.

3.3 Review of External Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) Cost Analysis: Recommended Cost Caps - Sonia Moscatelli

Sonia provided a recap of the data requested at the previous meeting and shared an updated data analysis that incorporated the requested areas. She noted that the only addition since the last review was the inclusion of location data. Several data points were removed based on committee feedback, including Music Therapy and another previously requested category. Sonia then reviewed the table of figures and provided a synopsis of the findings.

Sonia Claimed the analysis showed that rates were competitive with little variance across locations. She noted that the results were consistent with other regions she examined and fell within the expected range, indicating that the figures were generally in line with comparable areas.

3.4 SELPA Alternative Pathways Policy - Eric Peters

Eric reviewed proposed revisions to the Alternative Pathways Policy and shared that the changes made were minimal and reflect feedback received from the Council. He highlighted the updates to Section 5, Item 5, including revised language transitioning from district to county-operated programs. The updated language clarifies responsibilities for holding IEP meetings in relation to the Alternative Pathway Policy, with the county program assuming responsibility for organizing the meeting while the district is responsible for attending.

Eric noted the requirement for a Summary of Performance for students graduating with an alternate diploma. Additional clarification was provided that a change of placement would apply only in cases where a student is graduating with an alternate diploma.

3.5 CALPADS End of Year Reminders - Susan Scott

Susan reminded directors that all fatal CALPADS errors must be cleared by June 26. She shared the end-of-year CALPADS reports for directors to review and noted that districts have done a good job reaching out regarding unusual or complex errors. Susan reported that she has been able to assist districts in resolving these issues as they arise.

Marty reviewed the CALPADS end-of-year submission timeline and highlighted upcoming due dates and reporting requirements. He emphasized the importance of meeting deadlines and ensuring data is reviewed and submitted accurately to support successful end-of-year reporting.

4. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

- 4.1 Minutes: The Council of Directors is requested to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2026, meeting as presented.

Motion by Jody and seconded by Thomas to approve the minutes as presented.

Yes: all
No: none
Abstain: none

- 4.2 The Council of Directors is requested to approve the San Joaquin County SELPA Policy for Alternative Pathway to a Diploma as presented.

Motion by Rowena and seconded by Thomas to approve the San Joaquin County SELPA Policy for Alternative Pathway to a Diploma with the updated verbiage "as appropriate."

Yes: all

No: none
Abstain: none

- 4.3 The Council of Directors is requested to approve revised IEE cost caps based on an external analysis of regional provider rates to ensure consistency, fiscal responsibility, and alignment with SELPA criteria and legal requirements.

Motion by Travis and seconded by Jody to approve the Revised IEE Cost Caps.

Yes: all
No: none
Abstain: none

5. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- 5.1 The Council of Directors may address relevant issues and concerns. Comments will be noted.

There were no comments made to be noted.

6. DATES:

- 6.1 Next regular Council of Directors meeting, August 19, 2026, 10:00 a.m., Wentworth Education Center, Greenwood 3. 2707 Transworld Dr., Stockton, CA 95206.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

- 7.1 Marty Remmers adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

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