

**North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area
Superintendent Cabinet
Minutes of Meeting January 24, 2025**

Location/Time: North Orange County SELPA Office / 9:30 a.m.

In Attendance:

Dr. Steve McLaughlin, Superintendent, Fullerton Joint Union High School District, and
Chairperson of the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet
Dr. Julianne Lee, Superintendent, Buena Park School District
Dr. Mario Carlos, Superintendent, La Habra City School District
Mr. David Bennett, Designee for Superintendent Mr. Jim Coombs, Superintendent, Lowell
Joint School District
Dr. Stefan Bean, Superintendent, Orange County Department of Education
Mr. David Giordano, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services Division, Orange
County Department of Education
Mrs. Analee Kredel, Associate Superintendent, Educational Programs Division, Orange
County Department of Education
Dr. Robin Gilligan, Director, North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area

I. Call to Order:

Superintendent Dr. Steve McLaughlin called to order the North Orange County (NOC) Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Superintendent Cabinet Meeting at 9:35 a.m.

II. Approval of the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Meeting Agenda for January 24, 2025.

The NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Meeting Agenda for January 24, 2025 was presented.

A motion to approve the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Meeting Agenda for January 24, 2025 was initiated by Dr. Mario Carlos. Dr. Stefan Bean seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No (1 absent)

Motion carried.

III. Open Session:

Superintendent Dr. Steve McLaughlin called for any communication from the public. No communication from the public was provided.

IV. Action Item(s):

1.0 Approval of the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Minutes of Meeting November 22, 2024.

The North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Superintendent Cabinet Minutes of Meeting November 22, 2024 were presented for approval.

A motion to approve the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Minutes of Meeting November 22, 2024 was initiated by Dr. Julianne Lee. Dr. Stefan Bean seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, (1 absent)

Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of the NOC SELPA Regionalized Services 2024-25 First Interim (FI) and 2024-25 Adopted Budget (AB) Report

The NOC SELPA Regionalized Services 2024-25 First Interim (FI) and 2024-25 Adopted Budget (AB) Report was presented for approval. There were no questions.

A motion to approve the NOC SELPA Regionalized Services 2024-25 First Interim (FI) and 2024-25 Adopted Budget (AB) Report was initiated by Dr. Stefan Bean. Dr. Julianne Lee seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, (1 absent)

Motion carried.

3.0 Approval of the Proposed Updated NOC SELPA CAC Bylaws

The proposed updated NOC SELPA CAC bylaws were presented for approval. There were no questions.

A motion to approve the proposed updated NOC SELPA CAC bylaws was initiated by Dr. Mario Carlos. Dr. Stefan Bean seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, (1 absent)

Motion carried.

V. Discussion/Information Item(s):

4.0 OCDE Maintenance Study Outcomes for NOC SELPA

Dr. Stefan Bean shared the outcomes of the OCDE Maintenance Study and noted that some positions shifted, including that of the NOC SELPA Director. Following the completion of the study, it was recommended that the NOC SELPA Director position and title be changed to Executive Director to align with comparable industry standards. Dr. Steve McLaughlin and Dr. Julianne Lee shared input and understanding regarding the study and expressed support for the recommendation.

Following the discussion, NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet Chairperson Dr. Steve McLaughlin recommended moving this item forward for approval at the March 28, 2025 NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet meeting. Dr. Mario Carlos noted that this recommendation would provide any Superintendent Cabinet voting members who were not present today with an opportunity to share their input.

5.0 Review of Multi-District SELPA Funding Model Examples

David Giordano, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services from the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE), shared the process of curating SELPA funding models across both Orange County and California. Information and feedback to Mr. Giordano was provided by Eide Bailly Accounting, School Services of California (SSC), and multi-LEA SELPAs.

There was discussion regarding various regionalized programs for SELPA geographic areas across California. Through input from SSC, there are no current SELPA funding models under which member LEAs provide a base contribution per pupil in addition to paying a fee per student for attending the county programs without taking the member LEAs' base contribution into consideration. After reviewing the feedback from SSC, it was noted that the Orange County region is unique in that there are 13 SELPAs within the county boundaries yet OCDE is attached to only the NOC SELPA as a member LEA. Appreciation was expressed for the services offered by OCDE and Connections.

Further analysis of the NOC SELPA funding model was requested with support from SSC. SSC costs will be shared with the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet. Dr. Steve McLaughlin requested that findings from SSC or an equivalent be shared at the March 28, 2025 NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet meeting. Additional learning opportunities around this topic will be brought to the NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet. Feedback from the NOC SELPA Directors and Business Officials (DBO) Council will also be shared at future meetings.

6.0 CDE Annual Determination Notifications

Dr. Robin Gilligan shared information provided by CDE regarding the Annual Determination letters that are expected to be sent out in early to mid-February. There are 18 categories of compliance, with four new categories added to the letter this year. The DBO Council will receive support from the NOC SELPA to address and implement any activities related to the Compliance and Improvement Monitoring (CIM) plans. There

were no questions.

7.0 Above and Beyond Award Celebration Date

The 2025 NOC SELPA Above and Beyond Award Celebration will be held on April 23, 2025 at the Buena Park Community Center.

Input regarding recipients for this year is welcomed. As the year progresses, Superintendents are encouraged to note any staff members they would like to nominate for this award and share those recommendations with Dr. Gilligan.

8.0 NOC SELPA Member Report or LEA Information Sharing

The members shared updates from their LEAs in a variety of areas.

VI. Suggested Items for Next Agenda

As noted above in agenda items 4.0 and 5.0, the agenda for the March 28, 2025 NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet meeting will include the approval of the OCDE Maintenance Study recommendations for the NOC SELPA, as well as requested information regarding the NOC SELPA funding model.

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the January 24, 2025 NOC SELPA Superintendent Cabinet meeting was initiated by Dr. Stefan Bean. Dr. Mario Carlos seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No (1 absent)

Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.