SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION SELPA
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
GAYLORD A. NELSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER | BOARD ROOM
2922 TRANSWORLD DRIVE, STOCKTON, CA 95206
June 1, 2026 | 9:30 A.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Lexi Chalender (note taker), Marty Remmers, Rechelle Pearlman, Banta Elementary School District; Jim Bridges, Jefferson Elementary School District; Troy Brown County Superintendent of Schools; Ricardo Chavez, Escalon Unified School District; Robert Pecot, Tracy Unified School District; Rusty Clark, Ripon Unified School District; Jody Burris, Manteca Unified School District Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT:Jane Chamberlain, Terrell Martinez, Austin Nogueira, Peter Foggiato, Fallon Adolph, Annie Cunial

ABSENT: Clark Burke Manteca Unified School District; Kellyann Reis, New Jerusalem Elementary School District, Kelly Dextraze, Lincoln Unified School District; Roger Goatcher, Manteca Unified School District; Scott McGregor, Linden Unified School District; Dr. Kirk Nicholas, Lammersville Unified School District;

1. CALL TO ORDER:

1.1 Troy Brown called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2.1 2026-2027 Governance and Administration Special Education Local Plan Area, Section B: The Council requests public input relative to the 2026-2027 Governance and Administration Special Education Local Plan Area, Section B.

Marty Provided an update regarding the revision of Local Plan Section B, which is required to be reviewed and renewed every three years. He noted that Sections D and E are reviewed and updated annually.

Marty presented a synopsis of the proposed edits and outlined the work completed by the Local Plan editing Committee. He reported that the committee met multiple times throughout the year to review and revise the document. Additionally, he shared that the proposed revisions were presented to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) at the May meeting for review and Input.

2.2 2026-2027 Annual Budget Plan, Section D: The Council requests public input relative to the 2026-2027 Annual Budget Plan, Section D.

Marty presented Local Plan Section D, the Annual Budget Plan. He noted that the figures presented are just projections and may be adjusted as additional information becomes available.

2.3 2026-2027 Annual Service Plan, Section E: The Council requests public input relative to the 2026-2027 Annual Service Plan, Section E.

Marty presented Local plan Section E, the Annual Service Plan. He explained that an

annual survey is distributed to the districts to collect information regarding Special Education Services provided at school sites throughout the SELPA.

Marty noted that the purpose of the plan is to provide oversight and to ensure equitable distribution of services across the districts and school sites.

3. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

3.1 Council of Directors Update: The Council will receive an update from the San Joaquin County Specialized Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Council of Directors meetings on April 15th, 2026, and May 13th, 2026.

Marty presented a printout summarizing SELPA's end of year reports, highlighting activities, outcomes, and areas of support provided throughout the year. The report included updates on educational reach, professional development activities, expanding engagement initiatives, WorkAbility services, Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) and Pro-ACT trainings, the Alternative Diploma pathway, College and Career Indicator (CCI) efforts, college and career readiness initiatives, CARES, low-incidence services, CALPADS support, and the Special Education Information System (SEIS).

Marty reviewed several key SELPA goals and priorities for the upcoming year. These include establishing a new SELPA legal counsel structure, strengthening collaboration and support for private schools within the SELPA, and continuing the development of a proactive ecosystem of support for students, families, and educational partners.

Marty emphasized the SELPA's ongoing commitment to creating and sustaining an environment that promotes lifelong success for students with disabilities.

Marty provided a recap of the most recent CAC meeting held on May 13, 2026. He reported that representatives from the Valley Mountain Regional Center presented information regarding the services and supports available to families of individuals ages three and older.

He also announced that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2026. In addition, an Individualized Education Program (IEP) Basics training will be offered to provide families and community members with information regarding the IEP process and special education services.

3.2 SELPA Administrators of California Update: The Council will receive an update from the 2026 California State SELPA meetings.

Marty shared information from the recent Legislative Sharing Day and provided an overview of the advocacy efforts conducted on behalf of students with disabilities and SELPA member districts.

Marty reviewed specific bills that are currently being supported by State SELPA.

- AB 2191
- AB 2241
- AB 2555
- SB 1226
- AB 2490
- AB 2191
- AB 2241

Marty shared information from the presentation titled *"Getting Down to the Facts,"* which examined trends in special education funding and expenditures. Key takeaways included the continued growth in special education spending, which now represents approximately 20% of overall student-related expenditures. A graph illustrating these trends was included in the presentation materials.

Marty discussed several factors contributing to the increase in special education costs, including rising service demands, staffing needs, compliance requirements, and the increasing complexity of student needs. He also reviewed findings from a study of SELPAs and special education programs, highlighting challenges related to program specialist capacity, budgetary pressures, and the need for districts to exceed available funding levels in order to meet student needs.

Marty provided a summary of recent updates from the Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education (CAFSE) News Roundup. He reviewed information from the Governor's May Revision, including fiscal projections and planning considerations for local educational agencies. Particular attention was given to cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) projections and the importance of incorporating these factors into future budget planning.

Marty also shared updates related to statewide educational trends, noting that overall student enrollment continues to decline while special education enrollment has increased

4. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

4.1 Minutes: The Council is requested to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2026, regular meeting as presented.

Motion made by: Rusty Clark
Seconded by: Robert Pecot

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

4.2 San Joaquin County SELPA Governance Council 2026-2027 Meeting Calendar: The Council is requested to approve the 2026-2027 San Joaquin County SELPA Governance Council meeting calendar as presented.

Motion made by: Robert Pecot
Seconded by: Rechelle Pearlman

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

4.3 2026-2027 Governance and Administration Special Education Local Plan Area, Section B: The Council is requested to consider approval of the 2026-2027 Governance and Administration Special Education Local Plan Area, Section B as presented.

Motion made by: Jim Bridges
Seconded by: Robert Pecot

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

4.4 2026-2027 Annual Budget Plan, Section D: The Council is requested to consider approval of the 2026-2027 Annual Budget Plan, Section D as presented.

Motion made by: Rusty Clark

Seconded by: Jim Bridges

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

4.5 2026-2027 Annual Service Plan, Section E: The Council is requested to consider approval of the 2026-2027 Annual Service Plan, Section E as presented.

Motion made by: Robert Pecot
Seconded by: Rechelle Pearlman

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

4.6 2026-2027 San Joaquin County SELPA Governing Council Memorandum of Understanding: The Council is requested to consider approval of the 2026-2027 San Joaquin County SELPA Governing Council Memorandum of Understanding between the San Joaquin County Special Education Regionalized Services and participating Local Educational Agencies within the San Joaquin County SELPA as presented.

Motion made by: Rusty Clark
Seconded by: Rechelle Pearlman

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

5. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS: Council members may address relevant issues and concerns. Comments will be noted.

There were no comments to be noted

6. ADJOURNMENT:

6.1 Troy Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

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