



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of the District English Language Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)

Thursday, April 30, 2026

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

1. Welcome, Introductions and Expressions of Appreciation (5 min) Meeting started at 9:00am

- Stefanie Serrato, DELAC President

Attendees: DELAC Representatives: see roll call item #3

District Staff: Nallely Gutierrez-BCL Lincoln/Olympic, Monica Limon-Interpreter, Guy Barker-Interpreter, Deborah Lukic-Family Engagement, Maria Leon-Vazquez-SMMUSD Board Liaison, Dr. Alyssa O'Grady-Director, Patty Hernandez-Admin Asst/Ed Services, Elena Uliantzeff-BCL Roosevelt/SMASH, Dr. Stacy Williams-Asst. Superintendent, Andrea Padilla-BCL McKinley

Parents: Griselda Morales-Will Rogers Parent, Maricela Guevara, Xiomara Siguenza, Sonia Morales, Francisco Curiel-"ELAC Watch Party" Roosevelt

Absent: Alicia Mignano-SMMUSD Board Liaison, Alex Aspron-BCL Malibu, Florencia Rams-BCL Franklin/Grant, Maria Salazar-BCL JAMS

2. Review of Norms and Expectations for DELAC Meetings (5 min)

- Veronica Ramirez, DELAC Vice-President
 - Punctuality
 - Respect for person who is presenting or speaking
 - Realize your zoom hand and be aware of the speaking order
 - Be brief with questions or comments
 - Provide opportunity for others to participate
 - Ask specific student or site-based questions after the meeting

2A. Comments:

- Maria Leon-Vazquez: Greetings to all
- Chatroom: Roosevelt will be having a Fire Drill at 9:35 am

3. Roll Call (5 min)

- Laura Hernandez, DELAC Secretary
 - DELAC Representatives:
 - Edison: Veronica Ramirez
 - Franklin:
 - Grant: Veronica Bernardino, Yheisi Alfaro
 - John Adams:
 - Lincoln:
 - McKinley: Olga Zemkova
 - Samohi: Laura Hernandez
 - Will Rogers:
 - Roosevelt: Stefanie Serrato, Sonia Morales

Absent: Rubicely Lomeli (Edison), Dr. Kazuaki and Chiaki Okamoto (Franklin), Maria Guzman, Elizabeth Pineda Espinosa (JAMS), Ainoa Edney (Lincoln), Daniele Trussardi (McKinley), Elisa Manuel (Will Rogers)

3A Comments:

- Griselda Morales: Shared that she was here representing Will Rogers and that she had attended the last two ELAC meetings.
 - Laura Hernandez: Informed Griselda Morales that the BCL from Will Rogers will need to notify Deborah regarding new reps to be added on the list.
4. Approve Minutes of DELAC meeting from March 19, 2026 (10 mins)
- Stefanie Serrato, DELAC President
 - Laura Hernandez moved to approve, Olga Zemkova seconded the motion, all site representatives in attendance approved the minutes.
5. ELAC Reports (20 min)
- Laura Hernandez, DELAC Secretary
 - Edison: Veronica Ramirez reported that at the last meeting, there was a presentation from the middle school regarding goals and planning for the next school year.
 - Franklin: Dr. Kazuaki and Chiaki Okamoto – No report was provided, as the representative was not present.
 - Grant: Veronica Bernardino reported that the last meeting was held on April 15. The principal presented goals for English Learners and discussed ways to support students, as well as how parents can assist their children in progressing in the EL program.
 - John Adams: Maria Guzman and Elizabeth Pineda Espinosa– No report was provided, as the representative was not present.
 - Lincoln: Ainoa Edney – No report was provided, as the representative was not present.
 - ◆ Elena Uliantzeff (BCL-Roosevelt): asked if she could provide a report.
 - ◆ Laura Hernandez stated that representatives must submit names in order to be added to the list.
 - McKinley: Olga Zemkova reported that the largest event last month was Multicultural Day on April 24. Preparations took approximately two months, with 15–20 countries represented through tables, food, cultural displays, and performances. Tables also reflected tales and fantasy themes from various countries. Ms. Zemkova shared her personal experience representing Ukraine and noted her child’s participation in assisting with food service. She inquired whether other schools host similar events.
 - ◆ Laura Hernandez clarified that these types of events typically take place at elementary schools.
 - Samohi: Laura Hernandez reported that the school is currently preparing for graduation and is accepting donations to support students in need. No ELAC meetings have been held at the site during this school year.
 - Will Rogers: Elisa Manuel – No report was provided, as the representative was not present.
 - ◆ Griselda Morales (Will Rogers parent) stated that she was unable to provide a report, as she has not been added to the list. She announced a Cinco de Mayo school celebration scheduled for May 1st and invited all to attend.
 - ◆ Stefanie Serrato stated that DELAC meetings are available for all to attend and that public comments may be used to share updates from school sites.
 - Roosevelt: Stefanie Serrato and Sonia Morales reported that at the ELAC meeting held on April 14, Dr. Benjamin presented on the English Learner reclassification process. A second presentation was provided by Christian from the Boys and Girls Club. ELAC shared recommendations. The next meeting is scheduled for May 26 and will focus on supporting English Learners over the summer, including available CREST program options.
6. Guest Presentations (50 min)
- DELAC-Categorical Funding: Title I, Title III, Title IV

- Dr. Alyssa O’Grady, SMMUSD Director of Assessment, Research & Evaluation
 - Dr. O’Grady presented Title I (2025-2026) Socio-Economically Disadvantaged, Federal Program, Final, Allocations, Title I (2026-2027) Socio-Economically Disadvantaged, Federal Program, Initial, Targeted Assistance, Preliminary Allocations (2025-2026), Program Application for Title III, Purpose of Title IV Funds, Program Application for Title IV Federal Program.
- Questions and Answers (10 min)
 - No questions or comments were presented
7. Public Comment (2 minutes each person)
- Stefanie Serrato, DELAC President
 - Griselda Morales: Reported that during the ELAC meeting, the principal discussed Reclassification prior to graduation, including ways to support students in achieving this goal, strategies to assist them during vacation, and how to maintain engagement. She also shared information about the upcoming Cinco de Mayo celebration.
 - Stefanie Serrato: Requested that additional details about the celebration be shared.
 - Griselda Morales: Responded that Will Rogers will host its annual celebration this Friday, May 1st which will include games and food, and extended an invitation to all attendees.
 - Nallely Gutierrez; Reported that Maricela, Lincoln-ELAC President, provided a presentation on the CA Seal of Biliteracy. The next meeting is scheduled for May 22, and attendees are encouraged to bring an item from their home country to share.
 - Stefanie Serrato: Announced that the Reclassification Ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 30, at McKinley, and that invitations will be distributed shortly.
 - Veronica Ramirez: Asked a question regarding Title I funds and whether they are used for the School Plan.
 - Alyssa O’Grady: Confirmed that for schools identified as Title I sites, there is flexibility in using those funds to support school needs.
 - Veronica Ramirez: Expressed appreciation.
 - Elena Uliantzeff: Inquired about available resources for schools that are not designated as Title I.
 - Alyssa O’Grady: Responded that non-Title I schools utilize general funds, which are determined based on student enrollment, and advised following up with the school principal for more details.
 - Elena Uliantzeff: Expressed appreciation.
 - Stefanie Serrato: Announced that the LCAP presentation will be included at the next meeting.
8. Topics for Next Meeting (5 min)
- Veronica Ramirez, DELAC Vice-President
 - Year in Review: EL Master Plan/Districtwide Needs Assessment
9. Meeting Adjourned (5 min) at 9:50 am
- Stefanie Serrato, DELAC President
 - Veronica Bernandino moved to approve. Veronica Ramirez seconded the motion.

Next Meeting:

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2026

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom

Topic: 1. *Districtwide Needs Assessment*

2. *LCAP Annual Update*