

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL OF SUPERINTENDENTS (GCS) MEETING MINUTES

1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95131

June 10, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cambrian	Kristi Schwiebert	<input type="checkbox"/> Moreland	Clover Codd
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Campbell Elem	Shelly Viramontez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MVLA	Eric Volta
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Campbell High	Kara Butler for Robert Bravo	<input type="checkbox"/> MVWSD	Jeff Baier
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cupertino	Stacy Yao	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Palo Alto	Yolanda Conaway for Don Austin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fremont Union	Graham Clark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Jose Unified	Seth Reddy for Nancy Albarran
<input type="checkbox"/> Lakeside	Sean Joyce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCCOE	David Toston, Sr.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loma Prieta	Kevin Grier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Santa Clara Unified	Mark Schiel for Gary Waddell
<input type="checkbox"/> Los Altos	Sandra McGonagle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saratoga	Kenneth Geisick
<input type="checkbox"/> Los Gatos	Paul Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunnyvale	Michael Gallagher
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Los Gatos-Saratoga	Heath Rocha	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Union	Carrie Andrews
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luther Burbank	Ladislao Lopez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SELPA	Leo Mapagu

OTHERS PRESENT: Christine Case-Lo (parent-MVLA), Diane Capili (parent-School Site Council), Geeta Gollakota (parent-SESD), Li-Leng Au (parent-SJUSD), Rika Yamamoto (parent-PAUSD), Tina Chang (parent-Cambrian), Heather Wellendorf (Campbell Elem), Karen Santiago (SELPA), Marjorie Paeste (SELPA)

TIME CONVENED: 9:32 a.m.

TIME ADJOURNED: 10:16 a.m.

RECORDER: Marjorie Paeste

I. PUBLIC SESSION

A. Roll Call and Welcome of Guests

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by NW SELPA Governance Council Vice-Chair, Dr. Shelly Viramontez.

B. Hearing of persons wishing to address the Council

**Note: This section of the agenda was moved to follow the Consent Items in order to allow additional time for members of the public to arrive and participate in person (see item II.A below).*

Ms. Christine Case-Lo addressed the Council to support a petition calling on LEA Boards to establish local special education committees that would report directly to their respective school boards.

Ms. Geeta Gollakota spoke about the ongoing discussion around the Interdistrict Transfer procedure and advocated for the inclusion of an online or Zoom option to facilitate public comments.

Ms. Tina Chang voiced concerns about the closure of certain Deaf and Hard of Hearing programs and highlighted the importance of the Special Education Inclusion Act (SB-692).

Ms. Li-Leng Au advocated for more individualized services tailored to the specific needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing students.

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II. CONSENT ITEMS

A. **Setting the Agenda**

The Public Comments section of the agenda (item I.B) was moved to follow the Consent Items, providing additional time for members of the public to arrive and participate in person. Dr. David Toston, Sr. moved to approve the revised agenda. Supt. Eric Volta seconded and the motion carried, 13-0.

B. **Approval of Minutes**

Supt. Stacy Yao moved to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2025 meeting. Dr. David Toston, Sr. seconded and the motion carried, 13-0.

*Hearing of persons wishing to address the Council (item I.B above) was held at this point.

III. ACTION ITEM

A. **Approval of the Elimination of the NW SELPA Special Education Inter-District Transfer Procedure and Revision of the Budget Allocation Plan for IDT Billing**

This action item was brought back to the Council for approval after being tabled at the May 20, 2025 GCS meeting. Dr. Carrie Andrews expressed concerns about how eliminating the current IDT procedure might affect the four LCFF districts within NW SELPA. Deputy Superintendent of Operations, Mr. Mark Schiel, shared similar concerns. Dr. David Toston, Sr. recommended placing the topic on the agenda for the next County Superintendents' meeting. Additionally, it was suggested that SELPA Executive Director Leo Mapagu hold a direct discussion with Council before any final decision is made.

Supt. Kristi Schwiebert moved to table the item until the September GCS meeting to allow for further discussion and review. Dr. Carrie Andrews seconded the motion, which was then approved.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. **SELPA Executive Director's Update**

Director Leo Mapagu provided updates on the following:

- 1. CA Children's Services (CCS) Medical Therapy Units (MTUs)** – SCCOE will be relocating the special education program from Chandler Tripp. However, CCS-MTU wishes to remain at the Chandler Tripp site until a suitable alternative location is identified. Director Mapagu reported that the estimated cost for CCS facilities maintenance and supplies, which will be shared among LEAs, is approximately \$950,000. It was also noted that 63% of the students served by the MTU at Chandler Tripp come from NW SELPA, while 33% are from SE SELPA.
- 2. NW SELPA CAC Priorities** – Director Mapagu shared the survey responses received from board-appointed CAC representatives. A total of 19 responses were received. The top recommended priorities are: (1) meaningful inclusion with adequate support for students with disabilities, (2) creating an updated website hub/repository with parent resources, (3a) low LRE rates in Santa Clara County, (3b) disproportionality of Hispanic students in special education, (4a) promoting parent education especially in smaller districts, (4b) updating and translating the parent handbook and convert it to a more internet-friendly version with linked information, and (5) alternative pathway to diploma adoption and progress.

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3. SELPA Activities:

- Fiscal – quarterly federal IDEA expenditure reports have been submitted to CDE. 2025-26 special ed revenue projections to districts, 2025-26 SCCOE Special Ed costs projections, calculation of SELPA Base Grant funding, Federal IDEA Part B Grant calculation, distribution and quarterly reporting of expenditure reports, calculation and distribution of State Special Ed Apportionment, and CCEIS budget review for districts identified as Significantly Disproportionate are all ongoing.
- Data – spring 2025 DRDP data collection and certification, Personnel Data Report, District of Special Education Accountability (DSEA) review on SIRAS and CALPADS with LEAs, Timeline Compliance Data submission and review for Prong I for 2024-2025, reports for fiscal to calculate CDE's new proportionate share process, and new updates to SIRAS IEP 8 form have all been completed. SIRAS Private School Service Plan forms implementation and testing, IEP implementation data collection and certification, EOY 3 and EOY 4 Siras and CALPADS trainings and data submissions, and 2025-2026 Siras rollover are all ongoing.
- Professional Development – a recap of trainings/events hosted by NW SELPA was presented with 32 trainings held, 1,712 combined registrations from district staff and parent participants. Upcoming for the 2025-26 school year are 28 approved trainings by the Diagnostic Center of Northern CA (DCN) and a back-to-school event is scheduled in August 2025.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Supt. Stacy Yao moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m. Dr. David Toston, Sr. seconded, and the motion carried 15-0.

Approved at 9/23/25 GCS meeting.