

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 1, 2023

333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room, Los Angeles, CA 90017

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## **AGENDA**

**I. Welcome and Introductions** ..... Mr. Scott M. Schmerelson  
Chairperson

**II. Committee Presentations**

1. Supporting Students with Autism CAPTAIN LA..... Ms. Sylvia Espinoza  
Instructional Coach  
  
Ms. Anna Clanin  
Specialist, ECSE  
  
Dr. Robin Dodds  
Associate Professor, CSULA  
  
Ms. Diana Huerta  
Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK)

2. Fiscal Overview of Special Education ..... Ms. Niru Jayaraman  
Deputy Budget Director  
  
Ms. Angie Guevara  
Assistant Budget Director

**III. Closing Remarks** ..... Mr. Schmerelson

**IV. Public Comment**

**V. Adjournment**

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