

Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement
District English Learner Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 22, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Fernando Paniagua, Chairperson, opened the session at 10:01 a.m., He introduced the officers and gave the floor to Isaias Hernandez, Parliamentarian that reviewed the Meeting Norms.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Maria Lina de la Luz, in Spanish and Juan Carlos Delgado in English.

III. Public Comment

Fernando Paniagua, Chairperson facilitated public comment at 10:06 a.m.

- Maria Luis Palma
- Diana Guillen
- Ana Carrion
- Maria Daisy Ortiz

IV. Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement (SFACE) Updates

Mr. Plasencia began by thanking DELAC members for their valuable work, engagement, and dialogue throughout the year regarding English Learner–mandated topics. He emphasized the District’s focus on the comprehensive development of English learners and highlighted the ongoing collaboration with MMED on the Master Plan. He noted that the hybrid model allowed members to contribute ideas and feedback, which has been especially helpful as the District continues to support new Indigenous languages and additional resources for English learners.

Mr. Plasencia informed members that today they would be working on comments and reviewing two action items. He reminded everyone to review the meeting materials that had been sent via multiple emails. He acknowledged the dedication of the members and emphasized the importance of mutual respect. He reiterated the guidelines and rules of decorum in place to ensure a safe and respectful learning environment, stating, “We are in agreement to be in disagreement.

Continuing his report, Mr. Plasencia discussed the continuity of learning during the summer. The summer program will begin one week after the end of the school year. He stated that

families need flexibility in accessing learning opportunities. The i-Ready instructional tool will remain available to students during summer break; families may request access through their child's teacher to use it via Schoology. He also highlighted **SORA**, an online library that provides students with access to digital books as well as resources from the Los Angeles Public Library, including internet services. He encouraged families to take full advantage of the learning and enrichment programs offered during the summer.

V. Roll Call/Establish Quorum

Juan Carlos Delgado, Secretary, conducted roll call at 10:52 a.m. The quorum was established with 33 members.

VI. Approval of April 10, 2025, Minutes

Juan Carlos Delgado, Secretary, informed the membership that the meeting minutes had been distributed via email to expedite the approval process. Members were also given three minutes to review the minutes. Fernando Paniagua, Chairperson, called for a motion to approve the minutes from April 10, 2025, meeting. Gabriela Rangel made the motion to approve the minutes, and Bertha Escobedo seconded the motion. Juan Carlos Delgado, Secretary, conducted a roll-call vote. The results were: 23 in favor and 10 abstentions. The motion passed.

VII. Final Draft of the LCAP Comments for the Superintendent

Dr. Erik Elward, LCAP Administrator, began his presentation by informing the membership of the work they would be doing today, which was to develop comments and recommendations for the LCAP in breakout rooms. Dr. Elward explained that he would not be going through the presentation step-by-step to allow more time for comment development. He reminded the members that one of DELAC's key responsibilities is to develop recommendations and comments for the District's LCAP—a responsibility shared by all DELAC committees across the state. He also noted that on June 17th, there will be a public hearing for both the LCAP and the budget. During that board meeting, presentations will be given by various District-level committees, including DELAC. DELAC will provide a presentation summarizing the work of the committee, areas of focus throughout the year, and recommendations supporting English learners.

Members were directed to focus on slides 17–20, which highlight the DELAC comments collected throughout the year using the ThoughtExchange digital platform. As members prepare to enter the breakout rooms, Dr. Elward encouraged them to think about what is most important to them as parents of English learners. Dr. Elward reviewed the collected comments with the membership and highlighted several key themes, including the need for qualified teachers, reclassification support, intervention and tutoring programs, parent engagement, and safety. Mental health was another significant focus for families, as language barriers can make accessing resources more challenging. These twelve

comments can either be added to the LCAP or further developed. The goal is to finalize these comments and submit them in their final form to the Superintendent for responses. These finalized comments will also serve as the foundation for DELAC's presentation to the Board of Education on June 17th. Members were reminded that the information referenced in earlier slides can be found in the DELAC Resources Folder. This folder contains data on student performance, budgets for each of the goal actions, and details on English learner supports. Dr. Elward then reviewed five key actions: Dual Language Education, English Learner Services, International Newcomers, Potential Long-Term English Learner Interventions, and Long-Term English Learner Interventions. He also shared student feedback, noting that mental health continues to be a priority for students, along with cultural awareness and access to resources. He concluded by reminding members that as they join the breakout rooms to develop comments, they should keep students in mind and reflect on what students themselves have expressed as important.

Members joined Breakout Rooms

Motion:

Mr. Paniagua, Chairperson, asked for a motion to accept the LCAP comments that were provided by the members. Marilyn Pineda made the motion to accept the LCAP comments, seconded by Bertha Escobedo. A roll call vote was conducted by Juan Carlos Delgado, Secretary. The vote was as follows: 22 in favor and 6 abstentions. The motion passed.

Motion:

Mr. Paniagua, Chairperson, asked for a motion to extend the meeting until all agenda items are completed. Bertha Escobedo made the motion to extend the meeting until all agenda items are completed, seconded by Maria Mayorga. A roll call vote was conducted by Juan Carlos Delgado, Secretary. The vote was as follows: 14 in favor, 6 opposed and 7 abstentions. The motion passed.

VIII. Adjournment

Fernando Paniagua, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.