

Los Angeles Unified School District  
Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement



**DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DELAC)**

Thursday, March 30, 2023

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Minutes

I. Call to Order

Diana Guillen, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Instructions on how to rename yourself on zoom and the review of the meeting norms were provided by Ms. Diaz.

II. Flag Salute

Cecilio Lopez, Vice-Chairperson led the flag salute in English and Spanish.

II. Public Comment

Norma Gonzalez, Parliamentarian facilitated Public Comment at 10:10 a.m. Members of the public were allowed 2 minutes per speaker to address the membership.

1. Juan Jose Mangandi – In person at 10:14 am complained about the appearances of the people we support.
2. Maria Luisa Palma – In person shared her mission to promote parenting efforts and not to allow the District to continue with their games. We need to create reform.
3. Merquisedet Absalon – On line commented that there is discrimination on the school campuses.
4. Dominga Verduzco – In person commented about the changes the Distrito has had during the last three years and the need to build the capacity of Principals and allow for more parent participation.

IV. Roll Call / Quorum

Alicia Suárez, Secretary called roll and established quorum at 10:40 a.m. with 30 members.

V. Approval of minutes for DELAC Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2023

Alicia Suárez, Secretary, read the minutes for Thursday, March 9, 2023 aloud. Ms. Marcela Garcia made the first motion to approve the minutes with grammatical corrections,

seconded by Ms. Antonieta Garcia. Motion passes with 27 members in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.

VI. Chairperson's Report Number 8

Chairperson Guillén began her report at 11:00 am with two quotes from Platón "Those who are able to see beyond the shadows and lies of their culture will never be understood, let alone believed, by the masses" and "No one is more hated than he who speaks the truth." Chairperson Guillen spoke about the results of the strike by workers represented by SEIU Local 99. Ms. Guillen added that she did not know who won the strike because if the budget was increased, she hopes that this will benefit the students. What DELAC has proposed for parent participation and leadership. She also brought proposals; the first proposal "That schools designate a budget for parent volunteers and offer them food and this be part of the volunteer policy." The second proposal "That the Los Angeles Unified School District work with the city to prohibit new businesses that sell tobacco, alcohol and marijuana from at least 300 feet around schools." Ms. Guillen closed her report by asking if anyone wanted to make a motion. Mrs. Antonieta Garcia made a motion that the District and the city place more restrictions of more than 300 feet for alcohol establishments and marijuana dispensaries and that budget be allocated for food and volunteer training and that it be included in the volunteer policy. The motion passes with 17 votes in favor, 5 against and 3 abstentions. At 12:02 p.m.

VII. Vice-Chairperson's Report: Mr. Cecilio Lopez

The Vice-Chairperson began his report at 12:05 p.m. giving his word to the members and introducing the DELAC officers. Mr. Lopez provided a brief presentation on the DELAC recommendations he presented to the members of the Board of Education on Tuesday, March 14, 2023; since the president Diana Guillen refused to fulfill the promise of the commitment she made to members of DELAC in representing them. Mr. Lopez quoted Benito Juarez with a famous saying "Among individuals as among Nations, respect for the rights of others is peace." Mr. Lopez added that Chairperson Guillen harassed him along with other DELAC parents and non-DELAC parents. The Vice-Chairperson shared the slide that showed that currently LAUSD has 92,016 English Learners. He continued to share the mandated topics that included the Master Plan for English Learners, Comprehensive Needs Assessment, School Attendance and the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). Mr. Lopez gave the floor to the Mr. Orellana, Public Relations officer and Mrs. Suarez, Secretary who testified about what happened in the Board of Education meeting and the harassment they receive from the DELAC Chairperson. Mr. Lopez, Vice-Chairperson concluded with questions and answers.

Monica Arrazola made the motion to have the reports presented from the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and PCS at the end of each meeting so that presenters' information is given first at each meeting for the next 3 years in the DELAC without interruptions so the members can focus, seconded by William Esquivel. The motion did not pass: 9 votes in favor and 13 against.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None, there was no time.

IX. Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department Update

None, there was no time.

X. Announcements from Members, District and SFACE Staff

None, there was no time.

XI. Adjournment

Diana Guillén, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Minutes presented respectfully by Alicia B. Suarez, Secretary.