



Community Advisory Committee / **Comité Asesor Comunitario**

Meeting Minutes – Business Meeting #8

Kristie Lacy, Chairperson / **Presidenta**, Norma Gonzalez, Vice Chairperson / **Vicepresidente**, Yukiko Miyauchi, Secretary / **Secretaria**, Jeanette Ramirez, Assistant Secretary / **Secretaria Auxiliar**, Maria Duran, Public Relations / **Relaciones Publicas**, Andrew Krowne, Parliamentary / **Parlamentaria**
Denissa Zapata, Training & Education / **Formación y educación**

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LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Chairperson: Kristie Lacy
- Vice Chairperson: Norma Gonzalez
- Secretary: Yukiko Miyauchi
- Assistant Secretary: Jeanette Ramirez
- Public Relations Officer: Maria Duran
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- Parliamentarian: Andrew Krowne
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Kristie Lacy, CAC Chairperson.

II. REVIEW OF ZOOM FEATURE

The interpretation services and the renaming steps on the Zoom screen were reviewed by Denissa Zapata, Training and Education Officer.

III. REVIEW OF CAC MEETING NORMS

Norma Gonzalez, Vice Chairperson, reviewed the meeting norms.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Olivia Hobson in English and by Ana Carrion in Spanish.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was opened by Norma Gonzalez, Vice Chairperson. There were five public comments made by Diana Guillen, Shirlys Gruber, Jaqueline Casas, Yareli Herrera and Paul Robak.

VI. CAC CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT -Kristie Lacy, CAC Chairperson

Bylaws Subcommittee meetings will be on March 24 and 26. The CAC members were reminded to submit the interest form by March 18. The subcommittee will focus on targeted updates to the bylaws, including subcommittee structure, meeting times, and attendance procedures. An update was provided on Assembly Bill 2189, which aims to strengthen special education parent advocacy through statewide training and outreach, and a representative is expected to be present at the April meeting. Members were reminded that Legislation Day will take place on May 6, with additional details to be shared. The CAC Certificate of Recognition initiative, led by the Parent Ambassadors Subcommittee, was introduced. Members were invited to submit nominations for educators and staff who support students with disabilities. Kristie also announced that Board Member Karla Griego would join the meeting. Pre-submitted questions were shared in advance, and responses to any remaining questions will be provided later. There was a question-and-answer period.

VII. DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION (DSE) UPDATE -Dr. Jose Soto, Executive Director

Updates and Highlights

Very Special Arts Festival scheduled for April 18, 2026, and Extended School Year (ESY) from June 22 to July 20 (no school on July 3).

Data & Metrics

Current data reflects 65,278 IEP meetings completed and 77,015 students with disabilities enrolled in LAUSD as of February 28, 2026.

Parent & Community Engagement Activities

The Division announced upcoming regional resource fairs beginning April 11 to provide families with access to information, community partners, and workshops.

Professional Development and Training for Staff

The ongoing paraeducator training focuses on positive behavior supports and student safety.

Legislative Updates

An update on legislative review efforts was shared, with further information expected at an April meeting. Dr. Soto also noted that a SELPA budget meeting is being scheduled, with details forthcoming.

Resources/Upcoming Events/Reminders

Lilia Moran, Coordinator, Special Education Compliance, shared reminders regarding Legislation Day (May 6). She also provided updates on CAC elections, an upcoming parent election on March 23, and encouraged members to submit feedback on the SELPA Local Plan.

Contact Information

Updated contact information is listed in the monthly report.

There was a question-and-answer period.

VIII. LAUSD BOARD MEMBER GREETINGS

Board Member Carla Griego introduced herself and shared her background as a former special education teacher and current chair of the Board's Special Education Committee. She discussed the committee's work reviewing the Listen and Learn campaign findings and improving student participation in IEP meetings. She also addressed concerns about access to special education information for families and emphasized the importance of advocacy to protect funding and services for students with disabilities. She discussed ongoing labor negotiations affecting special education staff and emphasized the importance of adequate staffing, training, and support to ensure effective inclusion and meet students' IEP needs. She expressed interest in continuing collaboration with the CAC. There was a question-and-answer period.

IX. ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH QUORUM

Yukiko Miyauchi, Secretary & Jeanette Ramirez, Assistant Secretary conducted roll call. 26 voting members were present, establishing quorum at 11:20 a.m.

X. ACTION ITEM

Approval of Minutes (February 18, 2026): Rocio Elorza made the motion to approve the minutes with any needed additions, deletions, and/or corrections. Maria Duran seconded the motion.
Vote Results: 25 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions — motion passed

XI. SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION

Cheryl D. Wiggins Brooks, Specialist, Behavior Support from Division of Special Education, presented the summary of the pre-recorded training “Positive Behavior Supports for Home and School.” Lilia Moran, Coordinator, Special Education Compliance, showed connection to SELPA Local Plan (Section B: Governance & Administration, Section E: Annual Services Plan). There was a question-and-answer period.

XII. LAUSD BOARD SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Maria Duran, Public Relation Officer, updated that there will be a meeting at 3:30pm today. The topic of discussion is “Student’s participation during IEP.”

XIII. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

IEP Training:

Denissa Zapata shared that the guest speaker introduced sensory regulation during the subcommittee meeting.

Parent Ambassadors:

Yukiko Miyauchi requested CAC members’ help to host CAC tables at the resource fair and VSAF. Juliet Schwarz shared upcoming Special Education Region Ambassador sessions and Virtual Parent Workshops. Members will promote CAC during those sessions.

Legislation:

Maria Palma reported that she presented a reconciliation of the SELPA Local Plan budget (Section D) during the subcommittee meeting. The documents were shared in the chat for members to review, showing totals for federal, state, and general fund contributions to the SELPA budget. She also noted that the 2025–2026 SELPA plan was recently provided and reviewed. Members were informed that a future meeting with the budget department is expected to review the information in more detail.

English Learners (EL) Students with an IEP:

Maria Duran reviewed key components of services for English Learners with disabilities, emphasizing that all English Learners should receive English Language Development (ELD) instruction. It was noted that IEPs should include present levels, ELD goals, and objectives aligned with students’ linguistic needs. The presentation also discussed state assessments, progress monitoring tools such as iReady, and available support and modifications for evaluations.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Norma Gonzalez, Vice Chairperson, welcomed new items for discussion and potential future actions.

XV. OFFICE OF STUDENT, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (SFACE) UPDATE:

On behalf of Antinio Plasencia, Jr. Senior Director, Mr. Lucio Garcia shared updates on upcoming events, including the Very Special Arts Festival, Resource Fairs, and BSAP listening sessions. He also reminded members about upcoming CAC elections and encouraged participation.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENT - Maria Duran

CAC Agenda Planning March 25, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

CAC Subcommittee: April 8, 2026, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

CAC Business #9: April 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

XVII. POST-MEETING SELPA DISCUSSION (Optional Session)

To discuss SELPA connected to today's presentation topic, the hybrid format meeting was extended. The questions were about services, clarity of language, and coordination with outside agencies. Lilia Moran, Coordinator, Special Education Compliance, clarified that the Local Plan outlines required components, services, and collaborations, and noted that training and support are provided as needed. Members were encouraged to send feedback by <https://bit.ly/LPAC-FEEDBACK>, and Lilia Moran highlighted that policies and references can be accessed through hyperlinks on the SELPA webpage.

The recorded video is on the CAC website: <https://lausd.wistia.com/medias/mke2d6g3o6>

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SpEd Parent	REP	EAST	Bedia Valencia	1
SpEd Parent	REP	EAST	María Duran, Public Relations	1
SpEd Parent	REP	EAST	Norma E. Gonzalez, Vice-Chairperson	1
SpEd Parent	REP	WEST	Denissa Zapata, Training and Education	1
SpEd Parent	REP	WEST	Monica Arrazola	A
SpEd Parent	REP	WEST	Shalene Wright	1
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SpEd Parent	REP	SOUTH	Gabriela Rangel	1
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SpEd Parent	REP	SOUTH	Jeanette Ramirez, Assistant Secretary	1
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SpEd Parent	REP	NORTH	Yukiko Miyauchi, Secretary	1
SpEd Parent	REP	NORTH	Perla Zacarias	A
SpEd Parent	REP	Virtual Academy	Silva-Marna Echavarria	1
SpEd Parent	REP	Virtual Academy	Andrea Prado	1
SpEd Parent	REP	Independent Charter (North)	Juliet Schwarz	1
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Gen Ed Parent	REP	Districtwide	Juan Jose Mangandi	1
Gen Ed Parent	REP	Districtwide	Jennifer Noyes Martha Acosta	1
SpEd Student	REP	Districtwide	Isaiah Macedo-Ortiz	A
SpEd Student	REP	Districtwide	Kadyn Bynum	A
SpEd Teacher	REP	Districtwide	Michelle Cherner	1
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SpEd Parent	ALT	South	Vacancy	
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SpEd Parent	ALT	Virtual Academy	Heidi Ramos	A
General Ed. Parent	Alt	Districtwide	Martha Acosta	P
SpEd Student	ALT	WEST - Districtwide	Ester Cruz	A
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Community Member	ALT	Districtwide	Crystal Smith	P
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