



**Los Angeles Unified School District**  
**Office of Student, Family, and Community Engagement**  
**Community Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, May 21, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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Community Engagement



**I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Ingrid Levy, Chairperson, at 10:02 a.m. and reviewed the available interpretation services. Kristie Lacy, Vice Chairperson, reviewed the meeting norms and collaboration norms.

**II. Flag Salute**

The flag salute was led by Carol Parker. (English), Norma Gonzalez. (Spanish).

**III. Public Comments**

Ajah Web, facilitated public comment.

- María Duran

**IV. Chairperson's Report – Ingrid Levy**

The Chairperson, Ingrid Levy, thanked members for their commitment and constant participation during the committee's ten months of work, recognizing the families' efforts in being present both in person and on Zoom. She highlighted the passion and dedication each member has shown for the benefit of students with special educational needs.

She shared a summary of the top priorities identified this year, which will serve as the basis for the CAC's recommendations to the School Board:

1. **Clear and coherent communication about the special education process** in all schools, ensuring consistency and accountability.
2. **Spaces for families to participate**, such as school special education committees or support groups at each site.
3. **Safe channels of support for families**, without fear of retaliation towards students.
4. **Responsible implementation of full inclusion**, considering the needs of the school community and providing training and resources to teachers and families.
5. **Training and access to information for CAC members**, including the interpretation of the Education Code and data on services that go through due process.
6. **Disability awareness at monthly principals' meetings**, ensuring that school pillars include all students.
7. **Regular collaboration between the CAC and the Board's Special Education Committee**, establishing two-way communication and collaborative work.

The chairperson reported that a survey will be sent to the members to collect their written comments and strengthen the final report that will be presented to the Board in June.

Finally, she expressed her gratitude for the trust placed in her to lead the committee during this cycle, noting that it has been a great learning process and an honor to represent the families and students of the district.

## **V. Division of Special Education (DSE) Update.**

Mr. Soto began his report by expressing a special thank you to the committee chairperson, **Ingrid Levy**, for her leadership throughout the school year, as well as to all CAC members for their hard work and commitment. He pointed out that the participation and dedication of each one of them have been fundamental to strengthen the work for the benefit of students with special needs and their families

### **Additional Meeting with the CAC**

Later, he shared the proposal to schedule an additional meeting with the CAC to review the learnings, findings and next steps of the Division of Special Education. He commented that this space will allow following up on issues that emerged from the focus groups and that are of great interest for the committee.

### **CAC Elections**

He also reported that an additional day of elections was held, which made it possible to cover all the vacancies in different categories, including the representation of parents and students from the Virtual Academy and the Educational Options areas. He expressed his satisfaction that the CAC now has full representation.

### **Extended School Year (ESY)**

Regarding the Extended School Year program, he explained that it will take place from June 16 to July 17, with differentiated schedules for elementary, middle, high school and special education centers. He stressed the importance of parents reviewing the enrollment confirmation letter and, if they do not receive it, requesting it directly at the corresponding school.

### **Participation in the Legislative Day**

One of the highlights of the report was the recognition of Ms. **Norma Gonzalez**, who represented the CAC at the Legislative Day held in Sacramento. Mr. Soto stressed that she had the opportunity to speak with State Superintendent Tony Thurmond, as well as legislative representatives such as Mike Gibson and Sade Aljoury. During these meetings, Ms. Gonzalez advocated for full funding of special education programs and made visible the needs of the students with disabilities. Mr. Soto expressed pride and appreciation for her leadership and commitment on behalf of the committee.

### **Art Festival – May 2**

He then shared the Art Festival experience on May 2, which brought together more than a hundred schools and more than four thousand attendees. Twenty schools performed on stage and thirty-four exhibited artworks. It was described as a successful event that celebrated student talent and strengthened families and communities' participation.

### **Professional Development**

In the area of training, he highlighted the culmination of the first cohort of the **Microcredential in Special Education** for teachers, a pioneering achievement in the district. In addition, he reported on multiple trainings in behavioral prevention and response, including the BPART program, the Positive Behavioral Support Symposium, as well as workshops and webinars on functional behavior assessment. He also mentioned the "Dream Discover" summer sessions, which were recorded and are available to all families through the Family Academy.

### **SELPA Local Plan**

Finally, he recalled that the revised draft of the **SELPA Local Plan** will remain under review until May 23. He noted that the document had already been emailed to members along with the meeting materials and invited everyone to submit comments or observations.

## **VI. Roll Call / Establish Quorum.**

Norma Gonzalez, Secretary, did roll call and established a quorum with 20 members present at 10:29 a.m.

## **VII. Approval of the Minutes: Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

Ingrid Levy, Chairperson, asked members to make a motion to approve the minutes, April 23, 2025, Ms. Ajah Web, made the first motion to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2025 meeting with any additions, deletions, and/or corrections and Ms. Carolyn Pakes, seconded the motion. 18 members voted in favor, 0 members voted against, and 0 abstained. The motion was approved

## **VIII. Learning Summary, Lilia Moran, Division of Special Education Coordinator**

Ms. Lilia Moran shared a report on the 2024–2025 School Year Learning Summary at the CDC. She explained that each month, the Division of Special Education prepared training videos for the CAC, which were made available on the DSC website and in the parent section. Over the course of the year, 61 unique acronyms related to various training topics were reviewed. It began with an introduction to the local plan for new members and later covered topics such as the special education process in LAUSD, the provision of related services, support for students with extensive needs, the alternative pathway to a diploma, early childhood special education, disproportionality, and finally, the transition after high school and feedback on the local plan.

Each session was worked on with guiding questions and clear objectives, always connecting the topic to a specific section of the local plan. Ms. Moran invited members to reflect on two or three key learnings that had an impact on them, as well as to think about the contributions they each made to the committee and how those strengthened the CAC. Finally, she asked members to consider what topics or resources they would like to include in the next workshop cycle and to share a personal or family goal to continue supporting their children's education.

## **IX. CAC Subcommittees Update**

Subcommittee meeting will be May 7, 2025 10:00 am 1:00 pm

### **African American Students with an IEP**

An update was provided about the last meeting held on May 7 with guest, Yolanda Buckles, from NAPAY.

Yolanda addressed topics such as parenting in STEM areas, youth ambassadors, math family circles, and special needs programs.

The discussion included special learning disabilities and emotional disturbances.

Asia was thanked for her contributions and was encouraged to share her comments for the coming year. Representatives from the IDR office gave a presentation on alternative dispute resolution.

### **Training and Special Education**

There was no presentation

### **Parent Ambassadors**

- Christy reviewed the Parent Ambassador committee's discussions about tools to build community at school sites.
- The committee focused on public schools, LAUSD charter schools and magnet schools.
- There was an open discussion about the obstacles and progress made by the participants. CAC Participation and Future Opportunities (00:03:17)
- Yuki highlighted CAC's participation in 8 Division of Special Education meetings and 13 Regional Ambassador series.
- The CAC also had a table at the very special Art Fest.
- The goal is to maintain these opportunities and look for additional presentation opportunities next year.

## **X. Office of Student, Family, and Community Engagement (SFACE)**

Mr. Plascencia thanked the members and acknowledged the leadership of the CAC and the collaboration with the Division of Special Education, highlighting that learning has reached families and benefited students. He congratulated families on graduations and announced the end-of-year reception on May 30 at West Temple. He informed that **i-Ready** and **SORA** will be available in the summer, reminded everyone about library resources and the **Family Hotline (213-443-1300)** for legal support on immigration issues, and invited families to apply for the **free Metro card** for LAUSD students. He closed with a message of gratitude and motivation to continue supporting children in their learning and to take advantage of community resources.

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## **XI. New Business that could be addressed at future meetings**

Vice Chairperson, Christy Lacy, shared with members about the topics of interest and about IEP trainings, teacher training, and other topics that have come up throughout these meetings; to keep asking for this information to be shared with us; feel free to reach out to any officer if you have a new idea or something to share.

**XII. Announcements.**

Announcement by Nancy Hernandez, Public Relations Officer:

District Level Committees Recognition on May 30, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**XIII. Adjournment.**

The meeting officially ended at 12:08 p.m.

Minutes respectfully presented by:  
Norma E. Gonzalez, LAUSD CAC Secretary.