



District English Learner Advisory Committee Chairperson's Report DELAC Executive Board 2025-2026

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First DELAC Committee Meeting, November 20, 2025

Good afternoon and thank you for your presence at our first committee meeting. We appreciate the attendance of those who are in the building and those who are joining us via Zoom. The time you dedicate to these meetings throughout the year will be of utmost importance and will benefit our English learner students.

Your comments, ideas, and opinions will enrich our work and the work of those who strive daily to advance the academic achievement and success of our students as we search for better opportunities so, that they may reclassify earlier and thus allowing them to have an open path to bilingualism.

As I said before, we are the voice of our English learner students, which include newcomers, long-term English learners, and English learner students with special needs. It is for them that we in the coming months, will learn about the budgets that are allocated to schools for these students, and the strategies the district implements so that they may achieve progress. You will learn about the most current numbers and figures regarding reclassification, bilingualism, state support, and much more information that will broaden your perspectives. This will allow you to make better contributions to the ELAC committees at your schools. These contributions will allow the optimization of actions directed at English learners at your schools in order for them to achieve better results.

Consequently, I am pleased to share that this executive committee met on November 12th with Ms. Lydia Acosta Stephens and her team from the Multilingual Multicultural Education Department (MMED). In addition to sharing information about their work with English language learners, we were able to discuss our concerns and ideas aimed at improving processes so to achieve greater benefits for students. We also requested that topics we consider crucial be addressed at our meetings so that our members here can share this information with the parents at their schools so that more parents can benefit.

We must not lose sight of the fact that our goal will always be to work as a coordinated team for the benefit of the children and young people who are striving to pass exams in a different language. Therefore, I ask that we treat each other with respect. Let us respect the opinions that differ from our own. Let us respect everyone's time while participating jointly. Let us respect the

opportunity that we all have to participate in meetings that allow for comments and questions. I also ask that you respect the guest speakers who will come each month to provide us with relevant and valuable information.

We are the parents and role models of our children. We are here to contribute, and we will do so by acting with the values of respect and responsibility, which will be projected in every meeting.

It is important that you check your emails, as SFACE staff will send you information that you will need to read and review before each meeting. In doing so we will optimize our time and will have more productive and organized meetings.

Thank you all in advance for your efforts to be here and for wanting to be part of the change that will benefit thousands of students who are seeking a better and more successful personal and professional future, but above all, a healthy mental and emotional life.

In every step, in every word, and in every endeavor, our English learners will always be present.

Thank you,

Martha Acosta
DELAC Chairperson 2025-2026