

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

Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Kristie Lacy, Chairperson.

The interpretation services and the renaming steps on zoom screen were reviewed.

Norma Gonzalez, Vice Chairperson, reviewed the meeting norms.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**III. Public Comments**

Public Comment was opened by Andrew Krowne, Parliamentarian – Historian.

There were three public comments given by Shirlys Gruber, Livier Perez and Jaqualine Casas.

**IV. Chairperson's Report**

Kristie Lacy introduced Ana Carrion as a second chairperson for Legislation committee. Creation of emails for board members is in progress. CAC monthly meeting presenters will join in person to review highlights and answer questions in this year. Kristie joined SFACE selection process for new administration person to support CAC, and the new administration person will be introduced by next meeting. The CAC officers will meet Dr. Soto for district special education leadership and collaboration on Oct 27th, 2025. Board members, Ms. Rivas, Ms. Griego and Mr. Schmerelson plan to join in the future CAC meetings. Kristie requested an update to LAUSD regarding the demolition of the Special education department in the department of education, which will be the legislation update in the next meeting.

Maria Duran, Public Relations, is also on the special education committee facilitated by the board member, Karla Griego. The first meeting was in spring 2025. The next meeting will be on Oct 22, 3:30pm and participation is encouraged.

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

Dr. Jose Soto, Executive Director of Division of Special Education, looks forward to the "CAC officer meet and greet" on Oct 27th. Dr. Soto encourages us to attend the Special Education committee.

Kristie Lacy answered questions from the public and stated that her proposals are presented to the board on a regular basis. Kristie emphasized that students are always centered, and she advocates particularly underserved communities professionally and personally. Regarding legislation issues, she pushes legislation reports in every meeting she attends. She encourages parents' participation to be advocates in Arc of California.

Ms. Lilia Moran, Coordinator, Special Education Compliance, shares the remaining CAC report on behalf of Dr. Soto.

### **Updates and Highlights**

World Dyslexia Awareness Week

LAUSD joined the global effort to raise awareness during week of Oct 6th.

World Cerebral Palsy Day on Oct 6th

LAUSD promotes inclusive opportunities for all students.

### **Data & Metrics**

The number of conducted IEP meetings and enrollment of students with disabilities by September 30, 2025, were shared.

### **Parent & Community Engagement Activities**

Regarding District Office of Transition Services (DOTS), high school transition teachers offer a variety of parent training sessions related to life after high school. CAC monthly report includes a link to access to training calendar.

Diploma Information Sessions offer learning opportunities on how students with significant cognitive disabilities can earn a high school diploma. For details, CAC monthly report includes a hyperlink and QR code on the flyer.

### **Professional Development and Training for Staff**

DSE launched a 2 day in person session: "Stepping into Your Role Responsibilities, Behavior Support and Safety" specifically for new special education paraprofessionals.

### **Legislative Update**

The office of government relations shares an update on state level law that supports students with disabilities. Assembly Bill 784 clarifies that students who are deaf or hard of hearing can have services in their IEPs that focus specifically on their communication needs, even if those are the only services they need. Assembly Bill 1412 helps students with disabilities in military families who transfer into California schools. Their special education records and IEPs are transferred without delay.

### **Resources/Upcoming Events/Reminders**

DSE is creating new training to support new families to LAUSD, navigating the special education and IEP process for the first time. DSE invites CAC members to complete the survey to provide ideas, feedback and recommendations. The survey link is included in CAC monthly report. During Fall 2025 DSE Virtual Parent Workshop & Special Education Regional Ambassador, Parent Ambassadors from CAC have opportunities to introduce CAC work.

### **Contact Information**

Contact information has been updated and included in the CAC monthly report and available on CAC website.

There was a question-and-answer period.

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

Yukiko Miyauchi, Secretary and Jeanette Ramirez, Assistant Secretary, took roll call. Total of 31 members were present. We established a quorum with a total of 27 voting members present.

## **VII. Action Item**

Regarding the approval of minutes from the previous meetings (May 21, 2025, Aug 27&28, 2025, September 17, 2025), Kristy Lacy, Chairperson proposed the unanimous consent to approve three sets of minutes to save time. There was a discussion between Ms. Gloria Acosta, Norma Gonzaleza, Vice Chairperson and Andrew Krowne, Parliamentarian, about how to proceed with the motion today. Kristie asked CAC members if there are any objections to approve the minute by unanimous consent. There were no objections in-person or online. Although it's outside the normal voting process and against bylaws, CAC members agreed to move forward the motion without a voting process. Norma Gonzales moved the motion to approve the minutes of our May 21, 2025, Aug 27&28, 2025, September 17, 2025, meeting with any needed addition, deletion and/or corrections. The motion was seconded by Rocio Elorza. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VIII. Summary of Presentation**

Jaclyn Tolj, Coordinator from the District office of transition services shared the summary of the presentation: Life After High School. The focus of the summary was 4 options after high school: Education (Education), Education (Training Programs), Employment and Military. She reviews the key points mentioned in the recorded video. There was a question-and-answer period. The outstanding questions will be documented and shared in the CAC meeting next month. There was a question-and-answer period. Some questions were answered by Jaclyn. For additional comments by Jaclyn and CAC members, the recorded video is available.

## **IX. Subcommittee's Report**

IEP Training: Presentation by Ms. Lilia Moran was given.  
Parent Ambassadors: Reviewed Bylaws, goals and upcoming plans were reviewed.  
Legislation: LAUSD legislation priorities were reviewed.  
African American Student with an IEP: Reviewed Bylaw and collected ideas for upcoming plans.

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

Senior Director, Antonio Plascencia, Jr. announced the senior parent community facilitator staff, Leah Brackins, passed away.

## **XI. New Business for Possible Action at Future Meetings**

Vice Chairperson, Norma Gonzalez informed that CAC is collecting new ideas of topics and encourages CAC members to attend agenda planning meetings. She reminded that the English Learners with IEP subcommittee is established, and CAC members can request CAC minutes correction if necessary.

## **XII. Announcements**

Maria Duran, Public Relations Officer, reviewed the date and time for agenda planning, subcommittee and CAC monthly meetings. SFACE announced the dates of the workshops about Rober's Rule of Order, funding and school plans of achievement.

## **XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was officially adjourned.