



Riverside County Special Education Local Plan Area  
Governance Council

**MINUTES**

Friday, May 20, 2022- 8:30 a.m.

**Via Zoom**

**Members Present \*Representative**

Mr. Terrence Davis	Banning Unified School District
Ms. Mays Kakish	Beaumont Unified School District
Mr. Scott Bailey, Zone 5 Representative	Desert Sands Unified School District
Mr. Santos Campos	Leadership Military Academy
Dr. Jennifer Root	Menifee Union School District
Dr. Mike Swize	Palm Springs Unified School District
Mr. Grant Bennett, Vice Chair & Zone 3 Representative	Perris Union High School District
Dr. Edwin Gomez, Standing Member*Charles Newman	Riverside County Office of Education
Mr. Trevor Painton	Romoland School District
Dr. David Pyle, Chair and Zone 2 Representative	San Jacinto Unified School District
Dr. Robert Hennings	Santa Rosa Academy
Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer	Springs Charter Schools
Mr. Mike McCormick, Past Chair	Val Verde Unified School District

**Members Absent**

Dr. Allan Mucerino	Alvord Unified School District
Mr. Luis Valentino	Coachella Valley Unified School District
Dr. Gregory Sackos	Desert Center Unified School District
Dr. Christi Barrett	Hemet Unified School District
Dr. Trent Hansen, Zone 4 Representative	Jurupa Unified School District
Dr. Doug Kimberly	Lake Elsinore Unified School District
Mr. Patrick Kelley, Zone 1 Representative	Murrieta Valley Unified School District
Mr. John Huber	Nuvview Union School District
Ms. Tracie Kern, Zone 6 Representative	Palo Verde Unified School District
Ms. Jean Marie Frey	Perris Elementary School District
Mr. Chris Shockley	SCALE Academy

**Guests**

Dr. Kelly May-Vollmer - Desert Sands Unified School District

**Governance Council Liaisons**

The full meeting packet is available for viewing at the Riverside County SELPA Office located at 2935 Indian Avenue, Perris, CA 92571 or by request.

Mr. Jeff Janis (Val Verde USD)  
Mr. Stacy Coleman (Val Verde USD)

Coordinating Council Chair  
SELPA Finance Liaison

### **Riverside County SELPA Team Members**

Ms. Leah Davis, Executive Director

#### **1. Call to Order**

**Dr. David Pyle, Governance Council Chair**

*The Governance Council Meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. on Friday, May 20, 2022.*

#### **2. Welcome and Introductions Director**

**Ms. Leah Davis, RC SELPA Executive**

#### **Public Comments**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3 and Education Code Section 35145.5, any person wishing to speak to any item on the agenda, or any other relevant matter, will be heard at this time. Each person will have a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the Governance Council

### **Action Items**

#### **3. Approve Minutes from April 14, 2022 Governance Council Meeting** (Attachment 3)

*That the Governance Council approve the minutes from the April 14, 2022 Governance Council Meeting as presented.*

*It was moved by Charles Newman and seconded by Dave Pyle*

*Motion carried 7 / 0 / 3*

#### **4. Approve Revised 2021-22 Riverside County SELPA Governance Council Meeting Schedule** (Attachment 4)

*That the Governance Council approve the revised 2021-22 Riverside County SELPA Governance Council Meeting Schedule as presented.*

*It was moved by Grant Bennett and seconded by Santos Campos*

*Motion carried 11 / 0 / 0*

#### **5. Approve Virtual Convening of June 20, 2022 Riverside County SELPA Governance Council Meeting**

*That the Governance Council approve that the June 20, 2022 Riverside County SELPA Governance Council Meeting be held virtually. Live public comment will be made available.*

*It was moved by Robert Hennings and seconded by Santos Campos*

*Motion carried 12 / 0 / 0*

**6. Approve Riverside County SELPA 2021-2022 Third Interim Budget Report (Attachment 6)**

*That the Governance Council approve the 2021-22 Riverside County SELPA Third Interim Budget Report with the following expenditures:*

	i. Pass-through to Districts/County	\$
<u>297,227,921</u>		
	ii. District Nonpublic Schools	\$ <u>2,500,000</u>
	iii. Out of Home Care	\$ <u>8,135,939</u>
	iv. SELPA Admin – Reg Services	\$ <u>3,310,494</u>
	v. SELPA Admin – Lead Grant	\$ <u>6,128,381</u>

It was moved by Grant Bennett and seconded by Santos Campos

Motion carried 13/ 0 / 0

**7. Approve Riverside County SELPA 2022-23 Preliminary Budget Report (Attachment 7)**

That the Governance Council approve the 2022-23 Riverside County SELPA preliminary budget report with the following projected expenditures:

	i. Pass-through to Districts/County	\$ <u>299,425,881</u>
	ii. District Nonpublic Schools	\$ <u>2,500,000</u>
	iii. Out of Home Care	\$ <u>8,135,939</u>
	iv. SELPA Admin – Reg Services	\$ <u>3,542,646</u>
	v. SELPA Admin – Lead Grant	\$ <u>4,400,000</u>

It was moved by Dave Pyle and seconded by Mays Kakish

Motion carried 13/ 0 / 0

**Discussion and Information Items**

**8. Governor’s Budget**

No clarification on ERMHS dollars. Specifically support for MH services; Tier 3 services.

**9. Special Education Compliance Monitoring and Accountability in 2021-2022**

- a. Targeted and Intensive Monitoring**
- b. Overdue IEPs and Initial Assessments**
- c. Significant Disproportionality**

RC SELPA has 3 districts in significant disproportionality and 4 districts in targeted, and the rest are in monitoring compliance. RC SELPA

Coordinators are supporting directors in what they are to complete for CDE. SELPA is doing as much as possible to reduce district workloads, such as paper reviews.

## **10. Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education and SELPA Administrators of California Highlights**

### **a. Legislative Updates**

Continued to advocate on our platforms specific to inclusion, ADR, and adequate funding. On May 4th Sacramento had the opportunity to host legislative action day and had the opportunity to meet with legislatures in person. Advocated around bill SB 1113-Ochoa-Bough's bill and AB 2121-Garcia out of Coachella. Both passed out of appropriations. SB 1113 calls for more support around FAPE in LRE. AB 2121 specific to ADR and having resource leads in the state. The other big legislative push is around the ERMHS dollars as well as to increase SPED funding. Like to ensure that LCFF is receiving that COLA and be applied to SpEd resources.

### **b. Fiscal Updates**

### **c. Program Updates**

## **11. Non-Public School and Residential Treatment Center Updates**

Continue to monitor all our NPS and RTC. 12 of our LEAs received an email from Leah regarding Bright Futures NPS. There was a student who overdosed on fentanyl. The child is recovering, and it is believed that the child accessed the drugs on campus. Investigation revealed that there are allegations that an employee of BF was providing students with oxycodone pills. That individual and her husband have been arrested. Law enforcement is conducting an investigation. RC SELPA was notified by Riverside Police Department on Tuesday and the Executive Director reached out to CDE. CDE arrived yesterday in Southern California to conduct an unannounced onsite visit. The ERMHS Coordinator was onsite for that meeting. There is an understanding that we should be notified quickly by CDE of their initial steps. Suspension of certification would disallow them from taking new students. Riverside County SELPA has 59 students enrolled there. Anticipate Directors will hear from parents as this has hit the news. The ERMHS team is prepared to find alternate placement.

## **12. Statewide System of Support Grants**

### **a. SELPA System Improvement Lead Updates**

### **b. California Technical Assistance Network ([caltan.info](http://caltan.info))**

### **c. IEP Technical Support and Assistance Project**

All grants are in their last year. Working directly with CDE to see what that will look like. Possibility might have to reapply through a request for applications specific to the system improvement lead grant, or whether they will go away or if CDE will renew those grants. Improvement facilitators are supporting about 30 districts throughout the state of California specific to their compliance monitoring as well as improvement activities.

## **13. SELPA Staffing Updates**

Alysse, an account specialist, resigned. She moved to Mt San Jacinto. We are recruiting an account technician to fill her position. The position moved down based on the workload

currently. Other team members are pitching in to make sure that all of our NPS billing, both Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable are being taken care of.

**14. 2022-23 Governance Council Meeting Schedule**

Working directly with RCOE on next year's schedule. Will need to return to in person meetings. Will attach Governance Council Meetings to the end of the scheduled Superintendent's meeting. At or about 12 P.M. The Governance Council will no longer meet monthly, but will schedule about 5 meetings annually. When GC is not scheduled, will do an informal virtual meeting. Will not take action or make any decisions, strictly an informational meeting. The schedule will be brought forward at the June GC meeting. Dr. Root is working on dates for Superintendents meetings-a google form will be sent out today.

**15. Governance Council Chair Comments**

Would like to Congratulate Scott on his retirement. This is his last meeting; he is a steady source of leadership.

**Adjournment**

*The Governance Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 A.M. on Friday, May 20, 2022.*