

**North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area
Community Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting April 17, 2025**

Location/Time: NOC SELPA Office/ 11:30 a.m.

In Attendance:

Ms. Cherie Hayes, Buena Park School District (District Representative)
Ms. Karen Yingling, Fullerton School District (Parent Representative and CAC Vice Chairperson)
Ms. Catie Williamson, Fullerton School District (District Representative and CAC Secretary)
Ms. Sue Pettinicchio, Fullerton School District (District Representative)
Ms. Miyoko Itokazu, Fullerton Joint Union High School District (District Representative)
Ms. Chloe Medina, La Habra City School District (Parent Representative and CAC Chairperson)
Ms. Malia Quezada, La Habra City School District (District Representative)
Ms. Tracy Berkley, Community Member
Dr. Robin Gilligan, North Orange County SELPA Executive Director
Ms. Ramona Yancy (Attendee)
Ms. Jenna Berkley (Former Student and Attendee)

I. Call to Order:

NOC SELPA CAC Chairperson Ms. Chloe Medina called to order the North Orange County (NOC) Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting at 11:50 a.m.

II. Approval of the North Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area Community Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda for April 17, 2025.

The NOC SELPA CAC Meeting Agenda for April 17, 2025 was presented for approval.

A motion to approve the NOC SELPA CAC Meeting Agenda for April 17, 2025 was initiated by Ms. Karen Yingling. Ms. Cherie Hayes seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No.

Motion carried.

III. Open Session:

No additional items were brought forward for discussion.

IV. Action Item(s):

1. Approval of the NOC SELPA CAC Board Minutes of Meeting February 27, 2025

The NOC SELPA CAC Minutes of Meeting February 27, 2025 were presented for approval.

A motion to approve the NOC SELPA CAC Board Minutes of Meeting February 27, 2025 was initiated by Ms. Karen Yingling. Ms. Cherie Hayes seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No.

Motion carried.

V. Discussion/Information Item(s):

2. Legislative/Legal Update

Legislative approval procedures were reviewed, and Dr. Robin Gilligan noted that the Governor has denied most of the funding bills in the past.

One bill that is up for approval would lengthen the timeline for long-term subs from 20 days to 60 days, and the potential impacts of this proposal were discussed.

Several other federal bills are currently being monitored:

- **AJR-7 (Addis)** regarding Special Education funding from the federal government. The NOC SELPA CAC members and other state organizations support this proposal and are advocating for full funding.
- **H.R. 2333 (Mannion)** “Protecting Students with Disabilities Act.” This would prohibit the use of appropriated funds to eliminate, consolidate, or otherwise restructure any office within the Department of Education that administers or enforces programs under IDEA.
- **H.R. 2598** (Huffman & Van Hollen) This would amend part B of the IDEA to provide full funding of this section.
- **AB 560 (Addis)** regarding caseload limits, ratios, and other requirements for special education staff.

Ms. Karen Yingling shared information regarding AB 84 that would require Charter Schools to implement the same reporting requirements as public schools. Information was requested from the NOC SELPA related to this topic.

There was a discussion regarding State SELPA’s position and advocacy for assembly bills related to LEA special education departments. It was reaffirmed that the NOC SELPA CAC supports advocacy for full funding under IDEA.

3. CAC Letter of Support for Special Education

The proposed revisions to the NOC SELPA CAC letter to support these bills were reviewed, along with the following letters and proposals below.

i. AB 1224 Letter of Support

ii. H.R. 2333 Protecting Students with Disabilities Act

It was noted that parts of the bill include inconsistent protection for students with special needs.

iii. Protecting CA Students with Disabilities Letter

This letter includes talking points from State SELPA and other organizations and outlines the positions that State SELPA is taking on these bills and other decisions. It was noted that SELPA Directors will be advocating in Sacramento and eventually in Washington.

It was determined that writing a letter of support from CAC could be reviewed in the future if needed and CAC will continue to monitor the legislative bills as they continue through the legislative process.

4. 2024-2025 NOC SELPA CAC Presentations and Meeting Dates

These presentations are required, and there was discussion regarding tracking webpage and video view data on the NOC SELPA CAC website to evaluate engagement with the presentation recordings and digital resources. The NOC SELPA is looking into available options in this area.

There was also a conversation about how the CAC can provide support and communication to parents, and potentially lengthening the time allotted for CAC meetings.

5. CAC Booth at First 5 Event in Buena Park: April 25, 2025

The Centralia School District has now taken over this event. Given that the event is hosted by a non-NOC SELPA member LEA, the NOC SELPA CAC will not have a booth.

6. Upcoming County-wide Events

i. CAPTAIN Conference for Parents: 05/02/2025 in Irvine

The flyer for the upcoming CAPTAIN conference for parents was shared for reference.

VI. Suggested Items for Next Agenda

It was requested that future agendas include items regarding the NOC SELPA CAC mission

statement, goals, community supports, parent communication strategies, and other activities for the NOC SELPA CAC (Creating Community).

Dr. Robin Gilligan will send out a Google Doc to get input on next year's CAC presentations. A discussion to continue the following topics was held and agreement to include these topics next year:

- Meet and Greet at the SELPA Office (October: Costumes and Treats)
- Transitions: (PreK to Elem, Jr High to High School, High School to ATP and Beyond)
- Person Centered Planning (RCOC)
- TBD

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.