



FRESNO COUNTY SELPA SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

Operations Committee Meeting April 10, 2025 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Room 101T Minutes

PLEASE NOTE: For public access instructions and opportunities for public comments, please contact tfrazier@fcoe.org or (559) 265-3049 5:00 p.m. on April 9, 2025. Trina Frazier will respond with further instructions.

I. Call to Order

T. Frazier

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. Introductions

T. Frazier

III. *Adoption of Agenda

T. Frazier

M. Ferry / A. Franco

IV. Community Input

The public may address the Fresno County SELPA Policy Committee pursuant to established procedures and will have up to three minutes to do so. No action shall be taken (E.C. 35145.5). Members of the public who have a disability in need of a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the Operations Committee meeting may contact the Operations Committee coordinator 72 hours prior to the meeting with the request. None.

V. *Minutes from March 18, 2025

T. Frazier

J. Moore / M. Ferry

VI. Standing Committee Reports

T. Frazier

A. Executive Committee

B. SGC Committee

VII. LCAP

M. Baker

Marvin Baker informed members that he was available to answer any questions regarding the LCAP process. He reminded members that each LEA is required to consult with the SELPA on the required action related to special education services in their LCAP. He recommended that members consult with SELPA, noting that there is no specific method or timeline required for this consultation.

VIII. Information and Reports

T. Frazier

A. Administrator's Report – Highlights of Current Information

1. Fiscal Update

Trina Frazier, SELPA Administrator, shared that there are no fiscal updates as we are waiting for the Governor's May Revise.

2. **Legislative Update**

She also shared that Legislators were limited to introducing no more than 35 bills each during this cycle. They are currently in the information-gathering stage, with many bills pending significant amendments. Some of these measures, such as AB 560 (Addis) related to special education, have been introduced as spot bills and are expected to be further developed in the coming months. AB 1224 (Valencia), an urgency measure concerning teacher credentialing, proposes to make permanent the allowance for substitute teachers to serve up to 60 cumulative days in a single assignment. Trina shared that under monitoring and compliance, that LEAs reporting more than two restraints or seclusions per pupil will be asked to perform student records reviews and that LEAs that report zero incidents of restrains or seclusion and have greater than 100 students with disabilities or report zero incidents of restraint or seclusion and have greater than 100 students with disabilities enrolled in an NPS or fail to certify the CALPADS end of year three submission, will be flagged for questionable data quality. These LEAs would have to complete monitoring activities.

3. **First Student Update**

Trina also shared that the transportation bid has gone out and is now open for review. We have received questions from prospective bidders and addendums have been completed. A pre-bid conference is scheduled for June 13, 2025.

Trina informed members that through First Student's negotiations, drivers will now have "squatter's rights" meaning they can choose to keep their same route (same students) the following year as long as the route doesn't drastically change. Normally, every route would go back to bid every year, and routes were bid on based on seniority. The drivers can now choose to stay with the same students and families.

B. FCSS Operated Program Updates

C. Borges

1. ***Class Loading**

Chris Borges, Executive Director of Special Education, provided an overview of the class loading process, explaining how class loading numbers are determined. She discussed factors that may prevent county-operated programs from accepting a referral, such as location and grade level constraints. Currently, the programs are serving 637 students across 78 classrooms.

2. **Referrals**

Chris Borges provided an update on referrals, noting that the number of remaining referrals is expected to increase between May and June. While earlier referrals are encouraged, no formal deadline will be set. She shared that the PIP program currently has a high volume of referrals, and to address this, a new PIP class will be opened at Sun Empire in Kerman, pending the hiring of a teacher. Additionally, Chris highlighted the growing need for the TIES program and emphasized the urgent need for additional classroom space to support its expansion.

3. ***Percentage of Students Served**

Chris shared the Percentage of Students Served in County Programs by DOR as of March 25, 2025. This report shows the percentage each district makes up of the SELPA.

4. **Save-the-Date: Kids Day – May 9, 2025**

Chris reminded members of the Kids Day event held on May 9, 2025 at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo.

IX. *Maintenance-of-Effort Update for 2024-25 SEMAI

E. Davidson

Eddie Davidson, Fiscal Student Services Director, provided an update on Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) requirements for the 2024–25 SEMAI, accompanied by a handout. He shared that a detailed presentation and a YouTube video will be made available soon regarding a component of MOE. Eddie explained that to continue receiving federal funds, LEAs must spend the same amount or more on special education services each year. He confirmed that all LEAs are currently meeting their MOE requirements.

X. Funding Allocations for 2024-25 Quarter 3; & Funding Allocations for 2025-26 Estimate 1

E. Davidson

Eddie provided an update on the funding allocations for the 2024–25 Quarter 3 and the 2025–26 Estimate 1. He explained that the funding estimate is currently being developed. Funds are received from the California Department of Education (CDE) to the SELPA, which is responsible for allocating the funds to the LEAs. The SELPA governing body is tasked with designing and approving the funding allocation methodology.

XI. *Transportation Billback Update for 2024-25 Quarter 3 & 2025-26 Estimate 1

E. Davidson

Eddie presented the Transportation Billback Update for the 2024–25 Quarter 3 and the 2025–26 Estimate 1, accompanied by a handout. He reviewed transportation expenditures and explained the process for liquidated damages, which are collected if a route is 15 minutes late or missed. Any credits received as a result of these damages are passed on to the member LEAs.

XII. *Private School Proportionate Share for 2024-25 Quarter 3

E. Davidson

Eddie Davidson presented the update on the Private School Proportionate Share for 2024–25 Quarter 3, accompanied by a handout. He explained that these are federal funds and that the California Department of Education (CDE) mandates the specific formula used for calculating the share. The funds must be used to provide services for private school students. This is now a requirement for parentally placed preschools students as well.

XIII. *Private School Proportionate Share Assurance for 2024-25

E. Davidson

Eddie informed members that if they do not have private school students identified, LEAs must complete an assurance to note that there are no private schools in your district or through Child Find, no private schools have been identified.

XIV. Consolidated Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 2, Due 4/15/2025

E. Davidson

Eddie reminded members of the Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 2 due date on April 15, 2025.

XV. Status of Local Plan, Annual Budget and Service Plans for 2025-26

E. Davidson

Eddie Davidson provided an update on the status of the Local Plan, Annual Budget, and Service Plans for 2025–26. He explained that these plans must be updated annually. Currently, a packet is being prepared for review, with the first reading scheduled to take place at the Superintendents' Governance Council (SGC) meeting this month, and final approval anticipated at the SGC meeting in May.

XVI. *SELPA Annual Treasurer's Report for 2023-24 & Proposed One-Time Distribution of Fund Balances for 2024-25, Update E. Davidson

Eddie Davidson provided an update on the SELPA Annual Treasurer's Report for 2023–24 and the Proposed One-Time Distribution of Fund Balances for 2024–25, accompanied by a handout. He reviewed the current balances and reserves, noting that all recommendations were approved by the Superintendents' Governance Council (SGC). Eddie explained that the Legal Set-Aside Pool fell short of the required threshold, and to address this, funds will be pulled from the NPS fund and moved into the Legal Set-Aside Pool. Additionally, the remaining \$18,000 balance from the NPA pool will be designated for the Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) program.

XVII. *SEIS/CALPADS/Compliance Reporting R. Chachere
A. SEIS/CALPADS

1. Monitoring Timelines & EOY Reporting

Romy Chachere, SELPA Director, shared a presentation (included in the packet) highlighting the monitoring timelines and end-of-year reporting. The CALPADS official submission window is May 6, 2025, to July 25, 2025. The CALPADS Spring Roadshow is on May 8, 2025.

B. Monitor and Compliance Reporting

1. CIM Plans – Progress Reports

Romy shared the SELPA due dates and the CDE due dates for the CIM progress reports.

2. IEP Implementation Data Collection

Romy shared the data collection periods for IEP Implementation Data Collection. On May 1, 2025, CDE will provide a random sample of students with disabilities (SWDs) to each LEA. The LEA will be required to calculate the percentage of services on the last consented to, signed IEP during the LEA monitoring window collection period.

3. Personnel Data Report

Romy reminded members that the Personnel Data Report is due on May 9, 2025.

4. Spring DRDP

Romy shared that we are in the middle of Spring DRDP. If a member submission is late, it affects the entire SELPA.

XVIII. *Professional Development R. Chachere

Romy shared information regarding upcoming professional development opportunities. She also shared the results of the Needs Assessment Survey which was provided in the packet. 93 participants completed the survey. Romy shared that we are looking at regional space options for various professional development locations. We are also looking at integrating more with general education and curriculum.

XIX. Community Advisory Committee – Vendor Fair R. Chachere

Romy shared that the Community Advisory Vendor Fair will be in the Fall. This will be a kickoff for parents and vendors. Volunteers will be needed.

XX. *Hot Topics & Lesson of the Month T. Frazier

A. Meaningful Inclusion-Kings Canyon Unified School District

Anthony Evaristo with Kings Canyon Unified School District shared a presentation regarding special education inclusion with general education.

XXI. Future Agenda Items/Updates

None.

T. Frazier

XXII. Next Operations Committee Meeting, May 12, 2025, at 1:00 PM via Zoom

T. Frazier

XXIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

J. Moore / M. Ferry

T. Frazier