



FRESNO COUNTY SELPA SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

Superintendents' Governance Council January 15, 2026 ♦ 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., Room 201 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 January 14, 2026. Trina Frazier will respond with further instructions.

- I. Call to Order** M. Copher
The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m.
- II. *Adoption of Agenda** M. Copher
Orin Hirschhorn / Randy Morris
- III. *Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2025** (pgs. 2-3) M. Copher
Orin Hirschhorn / Dr. Mark Marshall
- IV. Community Input** T. Frazier
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 SGC meeting may contact the SGC coordinator 72 hours prior to the meeting with the request.
None.
- V. Communications** T. Frazier
None.
- VI. Standing Committee Reports** T. Frazier
 - A. None**
- VII. Information and Reports**
 - A. Administrator's Report – Highlights of Current Information** T. Frazier

Trina Frazier, SELPA Administrator, reported that the Governor's budget proposal includes a 2.41% percent COLA for special education and proposes equalizing SELPA base rates statewide, raising Fresno County SELPA's rate to approximately \$999 per ADA. Trina also highlighted new home to school transportation funding likely to help offset significant cost increases when the 2026 First Student contract begins. Trina discussed plans to review the CIRCLE program criteria, including forming a workgroup to consider serving students with both autism and intellectual disabilities. Kingsburg Elementary School District has offered to host a pilot classroom for the program. Trina updated members on the recent contract discussions with First Student, noting agreement on a six-hour minimum guarantee for drivers and two cameras per bus, while the existing liquidated damages provision remain unchanged.
 - B. *FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity** (pgs. 4-5) T. Frazier

Trina presented the class size capacity handout sharing that there is a site visit scheduled for Roosevelt Elementary in Central Unified for a possible new CIRCLE classroom and that a new TIES class at West Fresno in Washington Unified has been opened. Trina informed members that due to high demand, we may temporarily exceed class caps for urgent placements. There are currently 80 referrals pending.

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- C. *Percentage of Students Served in County Programs by DOR** (pg. 6) T. Frazier
Trina shared the percentage of students served handout noting the district enrollment numbers and participation in county-operated programs.
- D. Funding Allocations for 2025-26 Quarter 2** E. Davidson
Eddie Davidson, Student Services Fiscal Director, reported that Quarter 2 funding allocation summaries would be issued later that evening, consistent with the practice of releasing updated quarterly allocation information shortly after the quarter ends. Eddie noted that the SELPA does not anticipate changes to IDEA funding at this time and explained that the state's P1 information for AB602 funding is expected to be received in February.
- E. Transportation Billback Update for 2025-26 Quarter 2** E. Davidson
Eddie updated members on the Quarter 2 Transportation Billback noting that the SELPA will continue to use an estimate of \$8,500 per rider for planning purposes. This calculation varies slightly depending on whether last year's rider count or the current year's rider count is used. Because the rider count remains in flux until the end of the year, the estimated per-rider rate will remain unchanged for now, with final billback amounts to be refined once complete annual ridership data is available.
- F. Private School Proportionate Share for 2025-26 Quarter 2** E. Davidson
Eddie updated members regarding the private school proportionate share for 2025-26 quarter 2 noting that there are no changes to the current proportionate share estimates because the SELPA has not yet received the IDEA grant award notification for the year. Eddie added that the SELPA expects to receive the award information by February and will update the calculations and allocations as needed once the official grant award amount is issued.
- G. *SELPA Annual Treasurer's Report for 2024-25 & Proposed One-Time Distribution of Fund Balances for 2025-26, Information** (pgs. 7-11) E. Davidson
Eddie presented the Annual Treasurer's Report as an informational item and reviewed reserve balances, expenditures, and proposed recommendations previously shared with the Executive Committee. Eddie explained that the SELPA set-aside reserve reflects a beginning balance of approximately \$2.4 million annual revenue set aside through the SELPA funding allocation plan, and a county-operated contribution of approximately \$1.43 million. He also noted that staff identified prior-year retroactive pay costs that should be accounted for as prior-year activity and reported that additional details would be brought to the next meeting. After accounting for expenditures, the reserve balance remains above the required three-percent reserve threshold, producing approximately \$1.07 million in excess available funds. Eddie reported that the Executive Committee's recommendation is to allocate \$83,000 to restore the legal set-aside pool toward its target reserve and to distribute the remaining balance (approximately \$993,000) to member LEAs based on prior year AB602 ADA. Eddie reviewed the legal set-aside pool status, including the current shortfall relative to the desired \$300,000 reserve and the plan to combine the recommended backfill with annual planned contribution to restore the pool. Eddie also reported that the NPS/NPA set-aside and the mental health pool have been fully expended and are now closed. The Treasurer's Report will return at the next meeting as an action item for approval.
- H. Local Plan; Annual Budget & Services Plans for 2026-27, Information** E. Davidson
Eddie provided an overview of the annual SELPA Local Plan update process, including preparation of the Annual Budget and Service Plans. He explained that SELPA staff will compile the required revenue and expenditure data and distribute materials to districts' fiscal program staff for verification, corrections, and alignment prior to public posting and adoption. Eddie noted that the process includes formal public notice requirements, including posting at

school sites for at least two weeks and approval through a public hearing, with all required steps to be completed prior to June 30. The SELPA will continue to coordinate this work on behalf of member LEAs and will bring materials back to SGC for review and subsequent action.

VIII. Future Agenda Items/Updates

M. Copher

None.

IX. Next SGC Meeting is February 26, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., Room 201

M. Copher

X. Adjournment

M. Copher

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Jeff Percell / Orin Hirschhorn