



FRESNO COUNTY SELPA SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

Superintendents' Governance Council September 25, 2025 ♦ 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 September 24, 2025. Trina Frazier will respond with further instructions.

- I. Call to Order** M. Copher
The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.
- II. *Adoption of Agenda** (pgs. 1-2) M. Copher
Dr. Brian Clark / Dr. Lori Grace
- III. *Approval of Minutes from May 15, 2025** (pgs. 3-4) M. Copher
Jeff Percell / Ed Gomes
- 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, presented information on the Extraordinary Cost Pool Application Window, explaining that when a Nonpublic School (NPS) claim exceeds \$98,000, a district may submit for reimbursement. Because funds are limited, claims are prorated statewide. The claims are due to the SELPA on October 3, 2025, and we will submit to California Department of Education (CDE) by October 31, 2025.

Trina reported that the Governor's deadline to sign or veto bills is October 12, 2025 and highlighted key measures: AJR 7 (Addis), protecting special education funding, approved by both houses; AB 560 (Addis) on equitable workload distribution for Resource Specialists, enrolled and presented to the Governor with fiscal impacts; AB 784 (Hoover) is a clarifying bill that Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) services can be stand-alone, signed by the Governor; AB 1224 (Valencia) extending substitute teacher service from 30 to 60 days, enrolled to the Governor; and SB 1412 (Gonzalez & Coachella) requiring LEAs to adopt or develop a new IEP within 30 days of receiving student records, also enrolled. Federally, Trina noted H.R. 2598 (Huffman & Van Hollen) and S. 1277 (Ban Hollen), both promoting full federal IDEA funding. Trina also announced that Legislative Information Sharing Day is on May 6, 2026.

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Trina updated member regarding First Student noting that we received two transportation bids from First Student and Zum. First Student's proposal reflected a 39.3% increase over the current contract, compared to 67.6% from Zum. The contract was awarded to First Student, with a meeting set for September 26 to review potential amendments.

Trina informed members that Susan Holt, Director of Fresno County Behavioral Health, would like to meet with District Superintendents regarding changes to the Behavioral Health Services Act and the funding the department has received from opioid lawsuits settlements. The Director would like to discuss with Superintendents how to partner on substance use disorder (SUD) prevention efforts. The group agreed to tack this meeting onto a future SGC meeting.

- B. *FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity** (pgs. 5-6) T. Frazier
Trina presented the handout summarizing the class size and enrollment across county-operated programs, along with the pending referrals for each program. Currently, 625 students are being served in 80 classrooms, with 45 pending placements and 21 remaining referrals. Trina also shared that we are opening a Target Interventions and Emotional supports (TIES) classroom at West Fresno Middle School; recruitment for a teacher for that class is underway.
- C. *Percentage of Students Served in County Programs by DOR** (pg. 7) T. Frazier
Trina shared the handout regarding the percentage of students served in county-operated programs illustrating the percentage each district makes up of the SELPA, The handout also shows the number of students each district has in each of our programs including the preschool numbers.
- D. *Funding Allocations for 2024-25 Year End** (pgs. 8-9) E. Davidson
Eddie Davidson, Fiscal Student Services Director, reviewed a summary of funding allocations provided by the SELPA to each member LEA and also for regionalized services. The report outlines each funding source by column, with bold columns reflecting the total federal, state and local amounts available for allocation. The handout also includes data on transportation costs, pupil counts, and average daily attendance (ADA).
- E. *Funding Allocations for 2025-26 Estimate 2** (pgs. 10-11) E. Davidson
Eddie reviewed a handout outlining projected funding allocations for the 2025-26 fiscal year. The report breaks funding into quarterly projections to estimate district allocations as well as regionalized services for the upcoming year. Eddie noted that a more detailed fiscal breakdown is available upon request and explained how these estimates align with the funding allocation plan previously approved by SGC.
- F. *Private School Proportionate Share for 2024-25 Year End** (pgs. 12-13) E. Davidson
Eddie reported on the allocation of IDEA funds designated for parentally placed students' disabilities attending private schools. The handout outlines the calculation of the proportionate share required for each district. Eddie noted a new consideration this year involving students whose school of attendance differs from their district of residence. Allocations must be based on school of attendance, or district of location. Updated information will be provided to districts accordingly. Eddie also noted that there are not parentally placed private preschool students with disabilities currently identified.
- G. *Transportation Billback Update for 2024-25 Year End** (pg. 14) E. Davidson
Eddie provided information on the transportation expenditures and revenues for the 2024-25 year-end. Total expenditures were approximately \$3.7 million, with approximately \$86,000 in liquidated damages collected from its vendor for late or missed routes. Reported revenue totaled \$2.2 million, which includes both the old revenue limit and the new 60%

reimbursement from CDE, resulting in savings passed on to districts. Eddie also noted that last year's per-rider cost was \$6,935, less than the \$8,080 that was budgeted per-rider.

H. *SELPA 3-Year ADA History Report (pg. 15) E. Davidson

Eddie presented the SELPA 3-Year ADA History Report which shows the ADA by district of service. This determines a majority of funding for special education. The report reflects a three-year comparison in ADA across the SELPA. Eddie noted that overall, the SELPA experienced a decline of 120 ADA.

I. *SELPA Weighted Votes for 2025-26 (pg. 16) E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed the weighted voting structure established by this governing body. Under this formular, each member LEA receives one vote for every 100 ADA, rounded to the nearest whole vote, and LEAs with fewer than 100 ADA are allocated one vote.

J. *SELPA Charter School Review (pg. 17) E. Davidson

Eddie provided an overview of charter schools within the county, noting that charter schools are fluid and can move to other SELPAs. Also, they may operate under a district as the LEA for special education purposes or may function independently as their own LEA.

K. *Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 6 for the 2023-24 Grant Award (pgs. 18-19) E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed the Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 6 for the 2023-24 grant award, noting that a few LEAs still have unspent balances. These funds must be expended by the end of this month, after which they will be forfeited unless redirected to county-operated programs to utilize.

L. *Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 3 for the 2024-25 Grant Award (pgs. 20-21) E. Davidson

Eddie shared that members have until September 30, 2026, to expend the balances noted on report 3.

M. Upcoming Fiscal Due Dates E. Davidson

1. Special Education MOE for 2024-25 SEMA and 2025-26 SEMB, Due 9/15/25
2. Excess Cost Calculation for 2024-25, Due 9/30/25
3. Consolidated Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 4, Due 9/30/25
4. State Extraordinary Cost Pool Claims for 2024-25, Due 10/3/25
5. IDEA Sub-Recipient Assurance for 2025-26, Due 10/15/25

Eddie reviewed the due dates with members.

VIII. Future Agenda Items/Updates M. Copher

None.

IX. Next SGC Meeting is October 23, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., Room 201 M. Copher

X. Adjournment M. Copher

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.