FRESNO COUNTY SELPA
SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Trina Frazier, Assistant Superintendent

Executive Committee Meeting
November 2, 2026
1:00 p.m. ~ 2:00 p.m. ❖ via Zoom
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 November 1, 2026. Trina Frazier will respond with further instructions.

I. Call to Order T. Frazier

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

II. Adoption of Agenda T. Frazier

A motion was made by Orin Hirschkorn and seconded by Dr. Mark Marshall. Motion carried unanimously.

III. *Approval of Minutes from October 5, 2026 T. Frazier

A motion was made by Orin Hirschkorn and seconded by Chris Borges. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Executive Committee meeting may contact the Executive Committee coordinator 72 hours prior to the meeting with the request.

No community input was received.

V. *Low Incidence Equipment Application Report J. Silva

Dr. Jennifer Witt Silva, Principal of Low Incidence, presented the Low Incidence Equipment Application Report. She reported that applications received during the reporting period were submitted by the Orthopedically Impaired (OI) and Visually Impaired (VI) teams only, totaling approximately $9,140 in equipment requests. Items included both large and small activity chairs for students requiring specialized seating. Dr. Silva also shared that staff are developing procedures to inventory and redistribute equipment, particularly specialized chairs that students outgrow, to maximize resources and reduce future replacement costs. A motion was made by Steve Rosa and seconded by Dr. Mark Marshall. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. *FCSS Operated Programs Class Size Capacity C. Borges

Chris Borges, Executive Director of Special Education, reviewed the class size capacity within county-operated programs. FCSS is currently serving 636 students across 82 classrooms. Chris highlighted referral data, noting that all referrals received for Extensive Support Needs (ESN) programs can currently be accommodated. The greatest demand continues to be within the CIRCLE and TIES programs. She reported 28 pending placements with scheduled IEP meetings and 37 newly received referrals. She further noted that, with very few exceptions, all pending referrals were received during the current school year and that no referral backlog remains from prior years.

VII. *Students Served in County-Operated Programs C. Borges

Chris reviewed the percentage of students served in county-operated programs.

A. **CIRCLE Ad Hoc Updates**

Chris reported that the CIRCLE Ad Hoc Committee reviewed recommendations related to future program planning, including a proposed transition to a TK-4 model beginning in 2027-28, continued evaluation of staffing and classroom capacity needs, expanding training opportunities, and strategies to address the growing demand for services for students with autism. The committee generally supported maintaining the current entrance criteria and will continue discussions with district leadership regarding next steps.

VIII. Action Item T. Frazier

A. ***Approve Reimbursement Claims for 2025-26**

Eddie Davidson, Fiscal Student Services Director, presented reimbursement claims submitted through the legal cost reimbursement process. Eddie explained that staff recommended approval of Claims L2, L3, L4, and L5 and recommended denial of claims L1, L6, L7, and L8. Eddie noted that Claim L1 involved a Uniform Complaint Procedure (UCP) matter rather than a due process or formal special education complaint and therefore did not meet reimbursement criteria. A motion was made by Steve Rosa and seconded by Orin Hirschkorn to approve claims L2, L3, L4, and L5 as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. *Funding Allocations for 2026-27 First Interim E. Davidson

Eddie presented the 2026-27 First Interim funding allocation update. He reported a slight reduction of less than one percent in base funding estimates. The reduction was attributed primarily to the movement of a charter school to the Fresno County Charter SELPA and adjustments in Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) estimates. IDEA funding remained generally unchanged, although private school proportionate share calculations were updated using prior-year CALPADS data. District staff will be contacted to verify the accuracy of private school enrollment information before final submission to the California Department of Education (CDE). Eddie noted that WorkAbility allocation information was also added to the report for district planning purposes.

X. *Private School Proportionate Share for 2026-27 First Interim E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed preliminary private school proportionate share calculations and emphasized the need to verify student enrollment and school-of-location information before submitting final figures to the CDE.

XI. *Transportation Billback Update for 2026-27 First Interim E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed transportation expenditures and rider projections. He reported that transportation costs remain consistent with earlier estimates and that the projected transportation billback continues to be approximately $13,500 per rider.

XII. *Status of Extraordinary Cost Pool Claims for 2025-26 E. Davidson

Eddie reported that three extraordinary cost pool claims had been submitted from one SELPA member district. Two claims did not exceed the state threshold of $100,000 and therefore did not qualify. Three claims submitted by Central Unified School District exceeded the threshold and were submitted to the CDE for review.

XIII. *Maintenance-of-Effort Update for SEMA for 2025-26 & SEMB for 2026-27 E. Davidson

Eddie reported that all Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) tests had been completed and reviewed. All districts currently meet compliance requirements.

XIV. *SELPA 3-Year MOE Contribution Report E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed the annual SELPA 3-year MOE Contribution Report. He reported that the overall SELPA contribution rate increased to 38.9% for 2025-26 but remained below the statewide average. He noted that differences in accounting practices, including indirect costs and post-retirement benefit accounting, may affect district contribution rates and should be considered when comparing data among districts.

XV. Maintenance-of-Effort Exemption Review E. Davidson

Eddie reported that staff are currently reviewing potential MOE exemption opportunities related to special education staff retirements and resignations. The review is intended to help districts identify allowable reductions and improve advance planning for future MOE compliance requirements.

XVI. *Excess Cost Calculations for 2025-26 E. Davidson

Eddie reviewed annual excess cost calculations. He reported that all member districts exceeded the minimum local and state expenditure requirements necessary to access federal IDEA funding and therefore met excess cost requirements.

XVII. Fiscal Due Dates E. Davidson

A. Special Education MOE for 2026-27 SEMAI, Due 12/15/26
B. Consolidated Federal IDEA Expenditure Report 1, Due 1/15/27
C. WorkAbility Mid-Year Expenditure Report, Due 1/31/27

Eddie reviewed fiscal due dates.

XVIII. Monitoring & Compliance Update R. Chachere

Romy Chachere, SELPA Director, reported that 11 districts are completing the third phase of their Compliance Improvement Monitoring Plans, due November 14, 2026, while four districts are implementing approved improvement plans and collecting progress data. She also shared that seven districts are participating in the Small LEA Review process. Additionally, Romy reviewed upcoming professional development opportunities, including training on IEP development, supporting students with trauma, and special education discipline procedures, and provided registration updates for each session.

XIX. Administrative Updates T. Frazier

Trina Frazier, SELPA Administrator, shared information regarding upcoming professional development opportunities, including Autism Strategies for Successful Inclusion on December 7, 2026, and a paraprofessional and teacher boot camp scheduled for January 11, 2027, at the Southwest Transportation Facility. Registration updates were provided for both trainings, and members were encouraged to promote participation within their districts.

XX. Future Agenda Items T. Frazier

No future agenda items were proposed.

XXI. Upcoming Meeting Dates: T. Frazier

A. Operations Committee Meeting: November 17, 2026, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Zoom
B. SGC Meeting: November 19, 2026, 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., Room 201

XXII. Adjournment T. Frazier

A motion was made by Steve Rosa and seconded by Orin Hirschkorn to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.