

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting
February 18, 2026
9:00 AM
9401 S. Painter Avenue, Board Room
Whittier, CA 90602**

AGENDA

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson
ER, Dora Soto-Delgado
LL, Jonathan Vasquez, Chair
LN, Ramiro Rubalcaba
SW, Gary Gonzales, Vice Chair
WC, Brad Mason
WU, Monica Oviedo

B. Community Comments on Closed Session Items

Members of the public may address the Joint Powers Board on any Closed Session agenda item. Anyone who would like to address the Board during the opportunity for community comments should complete the comment card. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker; fifteen (15) minutes per subject. Following any public comment on the Board's Closed Session agenda items, the Board will convene in Closed Session.

C. Closed Session

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Employment
2. Evaluation of Executive Director of the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program (WACSEP) (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)

D. Reconvene Meeting

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session
2. Approval of Agenda for February 18, 2026 meeting

Moved _____
Seconded _____
Vote _____

3. Approval of Minutes for December 10, 2025 meeting

Moved _____
 Seconded _____
 Vote _____

E. Community Comments

Members of the public may address the Joint Powers Board directly concerning items within its jurisdiction on any topic of district or SELPA concern that may or may not be on the agenda for that meeting. Anyone who would like to address the Board during the opportunity for community comments should complete the comment card. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker; fifteen (15) minutes per subject.

F. Consent Calendar

Moved _____
 Seconded _____
 Vote _____

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the FINAL 2024-2025 Off-the-Top Expenditures, as shown below, be approved:

District	2024 -2025 Off-the-Top Oct Update	2024 -2025 Off-the-Top FINAL	Difference
EW	\$2,552,605.79	Complete	
ER	\$988,040.00	\$843,714.91	(\$144,325.09)
LL	\$537,531.00	Complete	
LN	\$705,108.29	Complete	
SW	\$514,869.22	Complete	
WC	\$1,580,536.84	Complete	
WU	\$3,003,644.28	Complete	

2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following contracts be approved:

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Rowland Unified School District	MOU - Provision of DHH Intern Mentorship Support	03/13/2026 to 06/30/2028	Reimbursement up to 157 Hours, plus mileage (Based on Salary Schedule and Actual IRS Mileage Rate)
Law Office of Devon Rios, APC (previously approved as Law Offices of Devon Rios Barellanos)	Settlement Cost	07/01/25 to 06/30/26	Not to Exceed \$50,000

3. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following travel requests be approved:

Conference/Workshop	Person(s) Authorized	Expense (Per Person)
Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Certification Renewal Program <u>Loma Linda, CA</u> June 18, 2026	Darin Matsumoto, WUHSD School Psychologist	Registration: \$2,499.00 Related Expenses: \$105.00 Total: \$2,604.00

G. Personnel Report

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following staffing needs be approved:

Name/ Position	Assignment/ Service	Dates/ Hours	Cost
Adahena Gutierrez, Secretary IV	Temporary Reclassification to SELPA Administrative Specialist	Dates to be Determined	Based on Salary Schedule

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Natalie Higgins, DHH Itinerant Teacher	Extra Assignment	03/13/2026 to 06/30/2028	NTE 157 Hours (Based on Salary Schedule)
Paula Miller Program Specialist	Additional Duties Stipend	07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026	\$4,000
Paula Miller, Program Specialist	Retirement	Effective 06/30/2026	Based on Salary Schedule

Moved _____
Seconded _____
Vote _____

2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the one-time off-schedule payment, equivalent to the greater of 1.5% or \$1,029.00 per WACSEP Classified employee employed as of February 11, 2026, be approved.

Moved _____
Seconded _____
Vote _____

H. New Business

I. SELPA Director Report

J. Board Member Reports

K. Adjournment

Moved _____
Seconded _____
Vote _____

**NEXT JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING
March 18, 2026**

Any materials required by law to be made available to the public prior to a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the District can be inspected at the following address during normal business hours: 8036 Ocean View Avenue, Whittier, CA 90602