

# WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**JOINT POWERS BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 22, 2019  
9401 S. Painter Avenue, Board Room  
Whittier, California 90605  
8:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson**– The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. Roll Call
  - EW, Marc Patterson - Present
  - ER, Frances Esparza - Present
  - LL, William Crean, Chair - Present
  - LN, Jonathan Vasquez - Present
  - SW, Gary Gonzales, Vice Chair - Present
  - WC, Maria Martinez-Poulin - Present
  - WU, Martin Plourde - Present

**B. Closed Session** – By general consent of the board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 8:30 a.m.

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Employment  
No reportable action.
2. Evaluation of Executive Director of the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Program (WACSEP) (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)  
No reportable action.

**C. Reconvene Meeting** – The meeting reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session  
No reportable action.

2. Approval of Agenda for the August 22, 2019 meeting

Moved: Maria Martinez-Poulin  
 Seconded: Marc Patterson  
 Vote: 7-0

3. Approval of Minutes for the July 29, 2019 meeting

Moved: Gary Gonzalez  
 Seconded: Marc Patterson  
 Vote: 5-0 (Abstentions- Frances Esparza, Jonathan Vasquez)

**D. Community Comments**

There were no community comments

**E. Consent Calendar**

Moved: Martin Plourde  
 Seconded: Maria Martinez-Poulin  
 Vote: 7-0

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

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Inclusive Education Project	Settlement Costs	8/07/2019 to 6/30/2020	Not to Exceed \$50,000

2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following agreements be approved for the 2019-2020 school year:

Provider	Service	Dates
Five Acres – The Boys & Girls Aid Society of Los Angeles County	MOU for DHH and Mental Health Services	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020

## F. Personnel Report

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

Position	Reason	Cost
Program Specialist- .70 FTE	Annette Mendoza, start date to be announced	Based on Salary Schedule
Program Lead	Additional Duties Stipend for Vivian Rodriguez- Eads to support Los Nietos School District effective 07/01/2019	\$700/month

Moved: Martin Plourde  
Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez  
Vote: 7-0

## G. New Business

No new business items to report.

## H. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Queneau reported that WACSEP staff had returned for the new school year and was in full swing supporting our member districts.

Ms. Queneau welcomed Dr. Esparza to the team and was looking forward to supporting El Rancho Unified School District.

Ms. Queneau thanked the East Whittier City School District Maintenance and Operation department for their work in making the WACSEP site a fully closed campus and working on other campus projects.

## I. Board Member Reports

Marc Patterson, Superintendent of East Whittier City School District, welcomed Dr. Esparza to the Joint Powers Board. Mr. Patterson thanked WACSEP for providing the Administrators Academy training in early August; he was able to attend for a portion of the training and felt it was well received. Additionally, he reported that East Whittier City School District will be making improvements to the WACSEP site.

Maria Martinez-Poulin, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, thanked Ms. Queneau for the Administrators Academy training which their Special Education Director attended. She

reported she was excited for more collaboration this year and welcomed Dr. Esparza to the team.

Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of South Whittier School District, reported that he was happy to start the school year, and that the beginning of school went smoothly.

Jonathan Vasquez, Superintendent of Los Nietos School District, welcomed Dr. Esparza and thanked Ms. Queneau for her support with the district's PIR Plan. He reported that his team of administrators was not able to attend the Administrators Academy training due to other required district training, but hoped there would be another training that their staff could attend.

Martin Plourde, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, welcomed Dr. Esparza to the team. Additionally, he reported that Whittier Union High School District's opening of the new school year went smoothly for their 11,200+ students. He apologized in advance for not being able to attend the next Joint Powers Board meeting.

Frances Esparza, Superintendent for El Rancho Unified School District, thanked everyone for the warm welcome. She reported that she was able to attend the opening of the school year and was impressed with the processes in place at the schools. She was looking forward in working in the El Rancho Unified School District.

William Crean, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, reported that the district was up and running, and that the opening of the new school year went smoothly.

**J. Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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