

# WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**JOINT POWERS BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, October 16, 2014  
8:30 am  
Whittier Union High School District**

**Minutes**

**A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson** ---Meeting was called to order at 9:08am

1. Roll Call

Martin Galindo, ER, Chair --- Present  
Mary Branca, EW --- Present  
Phillip Perez, LL --- Absent  
Jonathan Vasquez, LN --- Present  
Gail Baxter, SW --- Present  
Ron Carruth, WC --- Present  
Sandra Thorstenson, WU --- Present

2. Approval of Agenda of October 16, 2014

Moved: Mary Branca  
Seconded: Ron Carruth  
Vote: 6-0

3. Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2014

Moved: Gail Baxter  
Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez  
Vote: 6-0

**B. Citizen's Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **C. Action Items**

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Off the Top costs, documented by each district and attached under separate cover, be approved.

This item was tabled until the November 20, 2014 meeting.

### **D. Discussion Items**

1. Our September CAC Parent Symposium

Jimmy Templin shared the details of the CAC Parent Symposium which included approximately fifty parents, a variety of parent workshops, and was held at WACSEP. The event was a success.

2. The difficult task of changing a culture in regards to our NPS situation

A discussion took place in regards to the importance of using a newly implemented process, supported by WACSEP, which provides a critical review and possible support to districts prior to placing a student in an NPS.

It was also discussed that perhaps in the future the superintendent of each district should be involved and give approval before a student is placed in an NPS. This will be discussed more in the future.

3. A review of our General SELPA Budget and WACSEP Department Budget

This item was tabled.

### **F. Adjournment** --- meeting was adjourned at 9:45am