

# WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**JOINT POWERS BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 25, 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 8:38 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson - Present

ER, Karling Aguilera-Fort – Present (arrived at 8:42 a.m.)

LL, William Crean, Vice Chair - Present

LN, Jonathan Vasquez- Present

SW, Gary Gonzales - Present

WC, Maria Martinez-Poulin - Present

WU, Martin Plourde, Chair - Present

**B. Closed Session** By general consent of the Board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 8:38 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 public meeting reconvened at 9:31 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

No reportable action.

2. Approval of Agenda for the June 25, 2019 meeting

Moved: William Crean

Seconded: Gary Gonzales

Vote: 7-0

3. Approval of Minutes for the May 16, 2019 meeting

Moved: William Crean  
 Seconded: Maria Martinez-Poulin  
 Vote: 7-0

**D. Community Comments**

There were no community comments.

**E. Consent Calendar**

Moved: Karling Aguilera-Fort  
 Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez  
 Vote: 7-0

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

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
GPT Staffing (previously approved as Gallagher Pediatric Therapy)	OT & PT Evaluations	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	Not to Exceed \$ 200,000
GPT Staffing (previously approved as Gallagher Pediatric Therapy)	OT & PT Services	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	Not to Exceed \$ 15,000

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

Conference/Workshop	Person(s) Authorized	Expense (Per Person)
Devereux, Florida Viera, FL to Whittier, CA to Viera, FL August 1-6, 2019	SSID# 5167184062 Home Visit for RTC Student, TBD, RTC Escort	Registration: \$ 0.00  Related Expenses: \$ 1,800.00  Total: \$ 1,800.00

New Directors Workshop Sacramento, CA October 1-2, 2019 January 14-15, 2020	Janet Queneau, Executive Director	Registration:     \$ 0.00
		Related Expenses:         \$ 715.00
		Total:             \$ 715.00

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

Provider	Service	Dates	Expense/Income
Brea - Olinda Unified School District	MOU with Brea-Olinda Unified School District for DHH Regional Programs	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	+\$27,000/student
South Pasadena Unified School District	MOU with Bellflower Unified School District for DHH Regional Programs	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	+\$27,000/student
Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center	Agreement for Early Start Part C Services	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	N/A
Harbor Regional Center	Agreement for Early Start Part C Services	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	N/A
San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center	Agreement for Early Start Part C Services	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	N/A
Plaza de la Raza Child Development Services, Inc.	MOU with Plaza de la Raza Child Development Services, Inc. Preschool Programs	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	N/A

**F. Personnel Report**

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following services and expenditures be approved for the 2018-2019 school year:

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Raul Bravo	Psychologist for summer assessments & IEPs	Not to Exceed 80 hours each 06/04/2019 to 06/30/2019	Based on Salary Schedule

Rebecca Steelman	SLP for summer PIAT assessments & IEPs	Not to Exceed 150 hours (Increased by 50 hours) 06/10/2019 to 08/09/2019	Based on Salary Schedule
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Moved: Gary Gonzales  
Seconded: Maria Martinez-Poulin  
Vote: 7-0

### G. New Business

#### 1. Nomination and Election of Officers to the Joint Powers Board

Jonathan Vasquez nominated William Crean as the Joint Powers Board Chair for the 2019-2020 school year.

Moved: Jonathan Vasquez  
Seconded: Maria Martinez-Poulin  
Vote: 7-0

Martin Plourde nominated Gary Gonzalez as the Joint Powers Board Chair for the 2019-2020 school year.

Moved: Martin Plourde  
Seconded: Marc Patterson  
Vote: 7-0

William Crean commenced as Chair at this time.

### H. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Queneau thanked Mr. Karling Aguilera-Fort for his support to WACSEP, students with disabilities, and the El Rancho Unified School District. On behalf of WACSEP, she wished him the best on his new endeavour.

Ms. Queneau also thanked Mr. Martin Plourde for his service as Chair and welcomed Dr. William Crean as the new Chair. Additionally, Ms. Queneau conveyed that it has been a pleasure working for the SELPA and the member districts this year; she is proud of all the great things that are happening for students. She thanked the Joint Powers Board, as well as their Directors of Special Education, for their support and focus on all students.

Ms. Queneau gave an overview of the proposed California state budget, as it applies to special education, including levelling up special education rates to the statewide target level for SELPAs currently receiving less than this amount, as well as money to support 3- and 4-year olds with disabilities. Both of these allocations will benefit our WACSEP member districts. In addition, she shared that all SELPAs would be required to submit a new Local Plan using a new template by the end of the 2019-20 school year.

#### **I. Board Member Reports**

Marc Patterson, Superintendent of East Whittier City School District, shared that Mr. Karling Aguilera-Fort would be missed but looked forward to connecting at future conferences.

Maria Martinez-Poulin, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, thanked the Joint Powers Board members; she enjoyed getting to know everyone and being part of the SELPA. She thanked Mr. Martin Plourde for his leadership and looked forward to the next year.

Martin Plourde, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, expressed gratitude to the elementary school district superintendents for attending the high school graduations in the district. He also thanked Ms. Queneau for attending the Transition Program graduation. Additionally, he wished Mr. Karling Aguilera-Fort well on his next endeavour.

Jonathan Vasquez, Superintendent of Los Nietos School District, thanked Ms. Kristine Ramos for attending the PIR meetings in his district and working with his staff. He also thanked Mr. Karling Aguilera-Fort for his hard work with students and always putting students first.

Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of South Whittier School District, thanked Ms. Queneau for a good year and looked forward to the next year. He wished Mr. Karling Aguilera-Fort well next year.

Karling Aguilera-Fort, Superintendent of El Rancho Unified School District, thanked Mr. Martin Plourde for his leadership this year. He stated it was a pleasure working with all the members of the Joint Powers Board and was thankful for all their support. Additionally he thanked the El Rancho Unified School District Special Education department for the great work they are doing and thanked Ms. Queneau for her support.

William Crean, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, thanked Ms. Janet Queneau for the completion of her first year and Mr. Martin Plourde for his guidance. He wished everyone a great summer and wished Mr. Karling Aguilera-Fort well at his new school district.

**J. Adjournment** -The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.