

# WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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## JOINT POWERS BOARD REGULAR MEETING

July 19, 2018

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 8:31 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson - Present

ER, Karling Aguilera-Fort - Present

LL, William Crean - Present

LN, Jonathan Vasquez, Chair – Present (arrived at 8:44 a.m.)

SW, Gary Gonzales - Present

WC, Absent

WU, Martin Plourde - Present

**B. Closed Session** - By general consent of the Board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 8:31 a.m.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation

(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Ninth Circuit case number 16-56549

Approval of payment for necessary attorney fees for the Ninth Circuit case number 16-56549 to be paid from the equity fund.

Moved: William Crean

Seconded: Martin Plourde

Vote: 6 - 0

2. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Employment

To be reported during Personnel Report.

3. Evaluation of Executive Director of the Whittier Area Cooperative Special Education Director (WACSEP) (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)

No reportable action.

**C. Reconvene Meeting** – The public meeting reconvened at 9:19 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

The Joint Powers Board Chair reported on the action taken in Closed Session.

2. Approval of Agenda for the July 19, 2018 meeting

Moved: Marc Patterson  
Seconded: Gary Gonzales  
Vote: 6 - 0

3. Approval of Minutes for the May 17, 2018 meeting

Moved: Karling Aguilera-Fort  
Seconded: William Crean  
Vote: 6 - 0

4. Nomination and Election of Officers to the Joint Powers Board

Marc Patterson nominated Martin Plourde as the Joint Powers Board Chair for the 2018-2019 school year.

Moved: Karling Aguilera-Fort  
Seconded: William Crean  
Vote: 6 – 0

Martin Plourde commenced as Chair at this time.

Jonathan Vazquez nominated William Crean as the Joint Powers Board Vice Chair for the 2018-2019 school year.

Moved: Jonathan Vazquez  
Seconded: Marc Patterson  
Vote: 6 – 0

**D. Community Comments**

There were no community comments.

**E. Consent Calendar**

Moved: Jonathan Vasquez  
 Seconded: Gary Gonzales  
 Vote: 6 – 0

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

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Arlene Bell, Law Offices of Arlene Bell	Settlement Costs	05/14/2018 to 06/30/2018	Not to Exceed \$5,000
Law Office of Janina Botchis	Settlement Costs	06/20/2018 to 06/30/2018	Not to Exceed \$1,600
Arlene Bell, Law Offices of Arlene Bell	Settlement Costs	07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	Not to Exceed \$50,000
Economou Law Group, Inc. (previously approved as Law Offices of Elias Economou)	Settlement Costs	07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	Not to Exceed \$50,000
Law Office of Janina Botchis	Settlement Costs	07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	Not to Exceed \$50,000
Rivers Law Inc., A Professional Corporation (previously approved as Law Office of Surisa Rivers)	Settlement Costs	07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	Not to Exceed \$50,000
Shep A. Zebbermen, Law Office of Shep A. Zebberman	Settlement Costs	07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	Not to Exceed \$50,000
Yarjianian & Associates, PC (previously approved as Law Offices of Abraham A Labbad)	Settlement Costs	07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	Not to Exceed \$50,000
Rhonda Lytton/ WACSEP	Psychologist for summer PIAT assessments & IEPs	07/01/2018 to 08/06/2018	Not to Exceed 80 Hours Based on Salary Schedule
Jo-Ann Ogdon/ WACSEP	Psychologist for summer PIAT assessments & IEPs	07/01/2018 to 08/09/2018	Not to Exceed 22 Hours Based on Salary Schedule
Joel Shapiro	Contract for Consultant Services	07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	Not to Exceed \$9,000

2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following agreements be approved for the 2018-2019 school year:

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Expense/Income</b>
Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center	MOU with Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center	07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	N/A
Plaza de la Raza Child Development Services, Inc.	MOU with Plaza de la Raza Child Development Services, Inc.	07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	N/A
Alhambra Unified School District	MOU with Alhambra Unified School District for DHH Regional Programs	07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	+\$25,980/student
Lowell Joint School District	MOU with Lowell Joint School District for DHH Regional Programs	07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	+\$25,980/student
Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District	MOU with Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District for DHH Regional Programs	07/01/2018 to 06/30/2019	+\$25,980/student

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

<b>Conference/Workshop</b>	<b>Person(s) Authorized</b>	<b>Expense (Per Person)</b>
2018 CEDR Systems Conference San Diego, CA October 2-5, 2018	Jessica Burgos, Secretary IV Kristine Ramos, Program Manager	Registration: \$400.00  Related Expenses: \$974.00  Total: \$1374.00
Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Administrators of California Meetings <u>Sacramento, CA</u> July 11-13, 2018 October 3-5, 2018 December 5-7, 2018 February 27- March 1, 2019 May 1-3, 2019 <u>San Diego, CA</u> September 5-7, 2018	Janet Queneau, Executive Director	Registration: \$0.00  Related Expenses: \$1,428.00  Total: \$1,428.00 (Per Trip)

October 31- November 2, 2018 January 30-February 1, 2019 April 3-5, 2019 June 5-7, 2019		
Sorenson's Ranch Koosharem, UT to Whittier, CA July 23, 2018	SSID# 7166798256 Travel for RTC Student	Registration: \$0.00 Related Expenses: \$265.00 Not To Exceed Total: \$265.00
Azusa Pacific University Field Instructor Kick-off Event Azusa, CA August 16, 2018	Yvonne Quesada-Barron, Social Worker Fabiola Ruiz, Social Worker	Registration: \$0.00 Related Expenses: \$29.00 Total: \$29.00

**F. Personnel Report**

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director the following staffing needs for the 2018-2019 school year be approved due to resignations:

Position	Reason	Cost
Program Manager	Resignation of Kelli Rytky, effective June 30, 2018	Based on Salary Schedule
VI/O&M Itinerant Teacher	Resignation of Samantha Peterson, effective June 6, 2018, to be replaced by Parisa Lamarra	Based on Salary Schedule

Moved: William Crean  
 Seconded: Marc Patterson  
 Vote: 6 – 0

**G. New Business**

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the Independent Educational Evaluation Policy, updated June 2018, be reviewed – First Reading.  
 INFORMATION ITEM

Reviewed and discussed revisions to the Independent Educational Evaluation Policy. The Board agreed to move this item to the Consent Calendar for the next meeting.

2. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following contracts be approved for the 2018-2019 school year:

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
East Whittier City School District	Facilities Contract	07/01/2018 to 06/30/2023	Rent - \$120,000 Phone/Internet - \$9,000 Custodial Services - \$50,000

Moved: Gary Gonzales  
 Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez  
 Vote: 6 – 0

3. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the 2018-2019 Updated SELPA Budget be approved.

Moved: Gary Gonzales  
 Seconded: William Crean  
 Vote: 6 – 0

4. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the following JPB meeting dates be approved:

Meeting Date	Alternative Meeting Date
07/19/2018	
08/16/2018	
09/20/2018	
10/18/2018	
11/15/2018	
01/17/2019	
02/21/2019	
03/21/2019	
04/18/2019	
05/16/2019	
06/20/2019	

Moved: Marc Patterson  
Seconded: Jonathan Vasquez  
Vote: 6 – 0

#### **H. SELPA Director Report**

1. New SELPA Director Introduction

Janet Queneau expressed appreciation to the Joint Powers Board for the opportunity to work with the WACSEP staff in order to continue to help students with disabilities be successful.

2. Part C: Additional Funds Awarded

Janet Queneau reported that WACSEP applied and was awarded a grant for additional Part C: Early Intervention funds.

3. Upcoming Trainings

Janet Queneau shared a list of upcoming trainings that WACSEP will provide for various staff members within the SELPA.

#### **I. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.