

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting
July 19, 2023
9:00 AM
9401 S. Painter Ave., Board Room
Whittier, CA 90605**

MINUTES

A. Opening of Meeting by Chairperson - The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

1. Roll Call

EW, Marc Patterson - Present
ER, Marco Villegas - Present
LL, Jonathan Vasquez - Absent
LN, Ramiro Rubalcaba - Present
SW, Gary Gonzales, Chair - Absent
WC, Brad Mason - Present
WU, Monica Oviedo, Vice Chair - Present

B. Community Comments on Closed Session Items

There were no Closed Session community comments.

C. Closed Session - By general consent of the Board, the Board moved into Closed Session at 9:07 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.

D. Reconvene Meeting - The public meeting reconvened at 9:41 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

No reportable action.

2. Approval of Agenda for July 19, 2023 meeting

Moved: Ramiro Rubalcaba

Seconded: Brad Mason

Vote: 5-0

3. Approval of Minutes for June 14, 2023 meeting

Moved: Marco Villegas

Seconded: Ramiro Rubalcaba

Vote: 5-0

E. Community Comments

There were no community comments.

F. Consent Calendar

Moved: Brad Mason

Seconded: Marco Villegas

Vote: 5-0

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

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
UCSD School of Medicine -Dr. Taras	Provide medical consultation for member districts and Physician Based Speech/Audiological Protocol for SELPA	07/01/2023 to 06/30/2026 (previously approved for 23-24 SY only)	\$30,000 (previously approved for \$10,000)

G. Personnel Report

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

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Kolia Ponce/ WACSEP	Extra Assignment - Program Specialist Support for South Whittier School District	Not to Exceed 100 Hours 08/16/2023-06/30/2024	Based on Salary Schedule

Moved: Ramiro Rubalcaba
 Seconded: Brad Mason
 Vote: 5-0

H. New Business

1. It is the recommendation of the SELPA Director that the “Policy, Procedures and Criteria for Obtaining Independent Educational Evaluations”, updated June 2023, be reviewed - First Reading. [Exhibit H.1] INFORMATION ITEM

I. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that WACSEP staff was busy supporting all districts with Behavior, DHH, Mental Health and VI services through the extended school year. WACSEP staff has also been busy with assessing Regional Center clients before age 3, as well as children whose families have reached out to have their preschool children assessed. The assessment teams have done over one hundred assessments over the past few months.

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that WACSEP continues to work on expanding the WACSEP website. Currently WACSEP is working with the website developer on the staff side of the website, adding resources and professional development. Once it is up and running, we will notify Directors of Special Education so they can give staff access.

Additionally, there are a few new things at WACSEP. The WACSEP Instagram has a weekly post which is slowly increasing in followers. WACSEP’s training rooms are now set up with audio visual equipment; work in the MPR is slated to start soon. Lastly, Ms. Janet Queneau welcomed Mr. Jonathan Vasquez back to the Joint Powers Board.

J. Board Member Reports

Dr. Ramiro Rubalcaba, Superintendent of Los Nietos School District, shared he was excited for the new school year to begin.

Dr. Marco Villegas, Superintendent of El Rancho Unified School District, shared that they were breaking ground for the high school stadium. He reported that the community is

looking forward to having a stadium. The project is estimated to take 16 months of full construction.

Dr. Brad Mason, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, wished everyone a good summer.

Dr. Marc Patterson, Superintendent of East Whittier City School District, reported that he loved the new WACSEP Instagram.

Dr. Monica Oviedo, Superintendent of Whittier Union High School District, had no report.

K. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Moved: Brad Mason

Seconded: Marco Villegas

Vote: 5-0