

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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JANET QUENEAU
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Joint Powers Board Regular Meeting
June 14, 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 9:04 a.m.

1. Roll Call

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

B. Community Comments on Closed Session Items

There were no Closed Session community comments.

C. Closed Session - By general consent 9:05 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. Recognition of Dr. William Crean for Years of Service

Ms. Janet Queneau presented Dr. William Crean with a recognition award for his many years of service and support to Whittier area students, families, staff and WACSEP. He will be greatly missed.

E. Reconvene Meeting - The meeting reconvened at 9:37 a.m.

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

No reportable action.

2. Approval of Agenda for June 14, 2023 meeting

Moved: William Crean
 Seconded: Ramiro Rubalcaba
 Vote: 6-0

3. Approval of Minutes for May 10, 2023 meeting

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

F. Community Comments

There were no community comments.

G. Consent Calendar

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

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

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center [Exhibit E.1]	Agreement for Early Start Part C Services	07/01/2023 to 06/30/2024	N/A
Harbor Regional Center [Exhibit E.1]	Agreement for Early Start Part C Services	07/01/2023 to 06/30/2024	N/A
San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center [Exhibit E.1]	Agreement for Early Start Part C Services	07/01/2023 to 06/30/2024	N/A
Whittier Union High School District	Reimbursement for employee to travel to RTC for assessment	August 2023	Not to Exceed \$2,777.00

Melanie Ronquillo	Contracted SLP Services and transportation costs	08/01/2023 to 06/30/2024	Not to Exceed \$141,918
SPG Therapy and Education	Contracted Services for SELPA-Wide Assessment/Services	07/01/2023 to 06/30/2024	Not to exceed \$172,144 (previously approved at \$150,000)

H. Personnel Report

1. It is recommended that the amendment to the employment contract for Janet Queneau, Executive Director of WACSEP, be approved as provided under separate cover.

Moved: Marco Villegas
Seconded: Ramiro Rubalcaba
Vote: 6-0

2. It is recommended that the amendment to the employment contracts for D. Barber and J. Rytky, Legal Counsel of WACSEP, be approved as provided under separate cover.

Moved: William Crean
Seconded: Marco Villegas
Vote: 6-0

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

Provider	Description	Dates	Cost
Yoncoli Torres/ WACSEP	SLP for summer PIAT assessments	Not to Exceed 98 hours 07/03/2023 to 07/21/2023	Based on Salary Schedule

Moved: Gary Gonzales
Seconded: Marco Villegas
Vote: 6-0

I. New Business

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

Brad Mason nominated Gary Gonzales as the Joint Powers Board Chair and Monica Oviedo as the Joint Powers Board Vice Chair for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved: Brad Mason
Seconded: Ramiro Rubalcaba
Vote: 6-0

J. SELPA Director Report

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that she attended the Engage East Whittier event at East Whittier City School District. It was a great event. She thanked Dr. Marc Patterson for inviting her and the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) parents. She also attended the Whittier Union High School Adult Transition Program graduation which was beautifully executed. She was not able to attend the El Rancho Unified School District's Adult Transition Program graduation, but was told by Dean Cochran, Director of Special Education, that it was a wonderful event.

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that WACSEP staff will be working throughout the summer to support Extended School Year at the districts, and to conduct preschool assessments. The WACSEP offices will be open Monday through Friday.

Ms. Janet Queneau thanked Dr. Brad Mason for being the Joint Powers Board Chair and Dr. William Crean for being the Joint Powers Board Vice Chair this year. She wished everyone a great summer and Dr. William Crean a very happy retirement. She thanked Dr. Crean for his mentorship and support of the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA). Lastly, she thanked the Joint Powers Board for their continued support; it has been a pleasure to work with them.

K. Board Member Reports

Dr. Ramiro Rubalcaba, Superintendent of Los Nietos School District, shared that the school year was ending on positive notes with school promotions. He enjoyed working with Dr. William Crean and wished him the best.

Dr. Marco Villegas, Superintendent of El Rancho Unified School District, shared that he was thankful for an amazing year and to have the support from the Joint Powers Board. He reported that they had the Adult Transition Program graduation; he stated that it is always special to see the students finishing the program. Additionally, he shared that an art show was sponsored by a special education student and held on a Saturday. Lastly, he congratulated Dr. William Crean on his retirement and wished him the best on his next journey.

Dr. Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of South Whittier School District, thanked Ms. Diana Huizar, Director of Special Education, for her outstanding work and perseverance. He congratulated her for a terrific job working with special education issues through the last three years.

Dr. Marc Patterson, Superintendent of East Whittier City School District, congratulated Dr. William Crean on his retirement. He stated that Dr. Crean was a pleasure to work with and thanked him for being an advocate for the SELPA and all member districts.

Dr. Brad Mason, Superintendent of Whittier City School District, congratulated Dr. William Crean on his retirement.

Dr. William Crean, Superintendent of Little Lake City School District, thanked everyone for their well wishes. He shared that it was bitter sweet to reach retirement as he reflected on the support the Joint Powers Board members gave each other, especially during the pandemic. He thanked Ms. Janet Queneau for the WACSEP plaque and shared that he enjoyed working with her and WACSEP staff. He looked forward to retirement.

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

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

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