

Agenda

[Meeting No. 5: 2021-22](#)



[9300 Imperial Highway, Downey, CA 90242](#)
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Governance Council Meeting
June 23, 2022
8:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting Participant Information

[Join Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 202 850 2366

Passcode: 1951

Submit Public Comments to: Mendoza_Analy@lacoed.edu

I. PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES

- A. Call to Order
- B. Ordering of the Agenda
- C. Approval of the Minutes
 - 1. May 26, 2022 Governance Council Meeting

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Public Comment

III. HEARINGS (none)

IV. REPORTS / STUDY TOPICS

- A. Membership Report – [2022-2023 SELPA Applications](#)
- B. SELPA Reports

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Approval of *SEED School of Los Angeles County* for SELPA membership commencing July 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.
- B. Approval of the 2022-23 Ad Hoc Committee, Program Council, CAC and Professional Development Calendars

VI. CLOSING ITEMS

- A. SELPA Calendars: Governance Council Calendar of Meetings

VII. ADJOURNMENT



UNAPPROVED DRAFT
No. 4: 2021-2022

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHARTER SELPA
GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEETING
Held Virtually Through Zoom

May 26, 2022

The Governance Council Meeting of the LAC Charter SELPA was held on Thursday, May 26, 2022, virtually through Zoom.

PRESENT:

1. Ricardo Mireles (Academia Avance)
2. Rachel Villalobos/Xavier Reyes (Academia Moderna; Prepa Tec LA MS)
3. Loretta Burns (Blue Ridge Academy)
4. Alejandro Gomez (Bridges Preparatory Academy)
5. Nick Sessions (Edward B. Cole Sr. Academy)
6. Courtney McCorkle (Heartland Charter School)
7. James McGrath (Intellectual Virtues Academy)
8. Nadia Shaiq (Isana Achnar)
9. Damali Thomas (LACOE)
10. Amanda Johnson (Lake View Charter School)
11. Amber Cox (Lashon Charter Academy; Lashon Academy City Charter)
12. Richard Moreno (Opportunities for Learning, Duarte)
13. Yelena Shapiro (Opportunities for Learning, William S. Hart)
14. Wendy Gillespie (Options for Youth, Acton)
15. Donna Jacobson (Russell Westbrook Why Not? High School; Russell Westbrook Why Not? Middle School)
16. Beatriz Gutierrez (Soleil Academy)
17. Sarah Bach (Sycamore Creek Community Charter School)
18. Wendy Shmaeff (Village Charter Academy)
19. Anita Ravi (We the People High School)

ABSENT:

1. Erin Whalen (DaVinci RISE)
2. Brook MacMillan (Granite Mountain)
3. Shelby Pealer (ICEF Inglewood Charter Elementary Charter Academy)
4. Padmini Srinivasan (International School for Science and Culture)
5. Edward Watson (Irvine International Academy)
6. Zuzy Chavez (Jardin de la Infancia)
7. Angela Miller (Palm Lane Elementary Charter School)
8. Gabriel Ramirez (T.I.M.E. Community)

SELPA STAFF and GUESTS: Jim Anderson (LACOE); Damali Thomas (LACOE) Lizabeth Thompson (LACOE); Alyssa Martinez (LACOE); and Jawwad Khatib (LACOE).

I. PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. A quorum of 18 was established.

B. Approval of V. Recommendations A. Approval of Finding that a State of Emergency Exists

Moved Approval: James McGrath; **Second:** Ricardo Mireles
Aye: 26; **Nay:** 0; **Abstention:** 0; **Motion:** Carried.

C. Ordering of the Agenda: No changes. Accepted as presented.

Moved Approval: Ricardo Mireles; **Second:** James McGrath
Aye: 26; **Nay:** 0; **Abstention:** 0; **Motion:** Carried.

D. Approval of the Minutes

March 24, 2022 Governance Council Meeting

Moved Approval: Ricardo Mireles; **Second:** James McGrath
Aye: 26; **Nay:** 0; **Abstention:** 0; **Motion:** Carried.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Comment – there was no public comment.

III. HEARINGS

A. 2022-23 SELPA Local Plan Sections: D. Annual Budget Plan; and E. Annual Service Plan

The public hearing was opened for public comments. There were no public comments in favor of or opposed to the Annual Budget or Service Plans.

IV. REPORTS / STUDY TOPICS

C. Membership Report

James McGrath shared information on two possible available revenue sources with the members and Ricardo Mireles added information on the local FEMA resources and timelines. Jim shared that SEEDS Charter School submitted an application to join the SELPA and that the capacity interview was held Tuesday May 24th. Additionally, SEEDS material revision action at the Los Angeles County Board of Education was shared.

B. SELPA Reports

Alyssa Martinez provided an overview of the 2022-23 Annual Budget Plan and attachments. Alyssa Martinez shared information on the attached AB602 Allocation Options 3 and 5, the survey results and the Ad Hoc meeting held April 28th, 2022 to discuss the survey results and the recommendation discussed and selected by the Ad Hoc Committee. Jim Anderson gave some background on the prior year ADA funding

for AB602 allocations and that it was intended to make sure students with disabilities were served even with declining ADA and especially where regionalized service programs existed within a multi-district SELPA. Jim mentioned that this may be the last time this is a problem as the Governors proposed budget is recommending a LEA level AB602 Allocation calculation instead of a SELPA level calculation. Members discussed the information, asked questions and shared concerns. Courtney McCorkle shared concerns about the impact of this option on their LEA and the additional impact on 700 ADA not calculated in a prior year as they moved to their own governance structure from Inspire. Sarah Bach asked clarifying questions on the distinctions of Options 2, 3 & 4 and SELPA staff provided information.

Lizabeth Thompson shared about the end of year CALPADS certification window and the certification window not being opened today as planned and that the SELPA holds weekly hours to support members on Wednesdays from 3-5pm.

Damali Thomas shared that the Personnel Data Report is due to the SELPA by June 10th and to the CDE by June 30th.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Approval of V. Recommendations A. Approval of Finding that a State of Emergency Exists

Moved Approval: James McGrath; **Second:** Ricardo Mireles
Aye: 26; **Nay:** 0; **Abstention:** 0; **Motion:** Carried.

- B. Approval of Ad Hoc Recommendation of Option 3 AB602 Allocation: for fiscal year 2021-22 allocate AB602 funding using the current year state minimum base rate of \$715 per 2021-22 ADA to all member LEAs. To minimize the fiscal impact of declining ADA, the excess base AB602 entitlement will be allocated to LEAs who were members of the SELPA in 2020-21 and had higher ADA in 2020-21 than in 2021-22.

Moved Approval: Ricardo Mireles; **Second:** Sarah Bach
Aye: 23; **Nay:** 5; **Abstention:** 1; **Motion:** Carried.

Yes Vote: Academia Avance (1); Academia Moderna (1); Blue Ridge Academy (4); Bridges Preparatory Academy (1); Edward B. Cole Sr. Academy (1); Intellectual Virtues Academy Long Beach (1); Isana Academies, Achernar (1); Lashon Academy City Charter (1); Lashon Charter Academy (1); Opportunities for Learning, Duarte (1); Opportunities for Learning, William S. Hart (2); Options for Youth, Acton (2); Prepa Tec Los Angeles Middle School (1); Russell Westbrook Why Not High School (1); Russell Westbrook Why Not Middle School (1); Sycamore Creek Community Charter School (1); Village Charter Academy (1); We the People High School (1).

No Vote: Heartland Charter School (3); Lake View Charter School (1); Soleil Academy (1).

Abstentions: LACOE (1).

- C. Approval of 2022-23 Local Plan Sections: D. Annual Budget Plan; E. Annual Service Plan and Attachments

Moved Approval: Beatriz Gutierrez; **Second:** Alejandro Gomez
Aye: 24; **Nay:** 0; **Abstention:** 0; **Motion:** Carried.

D. Approval of the 2022-23 Governance Council Calendar of Meetings
Moved Approval: James McGrath; **Second:** Loretta Burns
Aye: 24; **Nay:** 0; **Abstention:** 0; **Motion:** Carried.

VI. CLOSING ITEMS

Jim shared the date of the next Governance Council meeting to be held June 23, 2022 and that action would be taken on the SEEDS SELPA membership application.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjournment: Unanimously approved to adjourn the Governance Meeting at 9:08 a.m.

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Item IV. **REPORTS / STUDY TOPICS**

A. Membership Report – **Discussion and Information**

1. [2022-23 Possible SELPA Applicants](#)
2. 2022-23 SELPA Applicants
 1. SEED School of Los Angeles County
3. 2022-23 Approved SELPA Members
4. 2021-2022 LAC Charter SELPA Members (**30 Members; 16 quorum**)
 1. Academia Avance
 2. Academia Moderna Charter School
 3. Blue Ridge Academy
 4. Bridges Preparatory Academy
 5. Da Vinci Rise Charter School
 6. Edward B. Cole Sr. Academy
 7. Granite Mountain
 8. Heartland Charter School *(7/1/23 withdrawal letter received)*
 9. ICEF Inglewood Charter Elementary
 10. Intellectual Virtues Academy
 11. International School for Science & Culture
 12. Irvine International Academy
 13. Isana Academies Achernar
 14. Jardin de la Infancia
 15. Los Angeles County Office of Education
 16. Lake View Charter School *(7/1/23 withdrawal letter received)*
 17. Lashon Academy Charter
 18. Lashon Academy City Charter
 19. Opportunities for Learning, Duarte
 20. Opportunities for Learning, William S. Hart
 21. Options for Youth – Acton
 22. Palm Lane Elementary Charter School *(7/1/22 withdrawal)*
 23. Prepa Tec Los Angeles Middle School
 24. Russell Westbrook Why Not? High School
 25. Russell Westbrook Why Not? Middle School
 26. Soleil Academy
 27. Sycamore Creek Community Charter School
 28. T.I.M.E. Community School
 29. Village Charter Academy
 30. We the People High School

5. Charter Schools at the [Los Angeles County Board of Education](#)

<u>LEA</u>	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Motion Outcome</u>	<u>Notes</u>
No Charter Schools at the Board since last month's Governance Council Meeting.				



Applicant: The SEED School of Los Angeles County
Membership Year: 2022-2023

Executive Summary for the Executive Directors Council

On April 28, 2022, Los Angeles County (LAC) Charter SELPA received the SELPA Membership application on behalf of The SEED School of Los Angeles County for academic year 2022-2023. On July 7, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Education approved the charter petition to establish The SEED School of Los Angeles County for a term of five years commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2026, subject to meeting specific conditions. Recommendations and conditions included an MOU with LACOE and other county agencies related to monitoring and accountability for the non-educational aspects of the residential elements of the school.

On May 10, 2022, a public hearing was held for a material revision to the Charter. SEED LA requested the following be approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Education:

1. Temporarily commence operations for the 2022-2023 school year at the American Jewish University (AJU), located at 15600 Mulholland Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90077.
2. Revise language in the petition to conform with recent changes in law pertaining to:
 - a. Brown Act compliance
 - b. Nutritionally adequate free and reduced priced meals
 - c. Student representation on governing boards
 - d. Teacher credentialing

The material revision to the Charter was approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Education with the condition to obtain an additional five million dollars of SAM Insurance (Student Abuse & Molestation) Coverage due to temporarily being located on a college campus as well as the residential component of the school.

SELPA Application Rationale:

The mission of SEED LA is to provide an outstanding, intensive educational program that prepares children, both academically and socially, for success in college and beyond. We have a holistic model that ensures that students receive all services – academic, social emotional, physical and mental within a 24-hour learning model.

The Los Angeles County Charter SELPA aims to support schools in providing exemplary special education support and services which is a partnership with qualified and experienced professionals that we need to ensure all of our students are prepared for college and beyond. We plan to utilize all of the services provided by the SELPA including:

- Governance Council
- Professional development, conferences, seminars and workshops
- Innovation programs, tools and technology
- Compliance services
- Program council support
- Parent support through the community advisory committee
- CDE audit and verification support
- Contractual services

School Overview:

The SEED Schools is Los Angeles County’s first college preparatory boarding school that provides students with a pathway to college and career readiness by engaging in computer sciences, engineering, and studies of systems and societies through transportation infrastructure.

In August 2022, SEED LA will open their doors to 125 ninth graders who will be their founding SEED LA cohort of students. Growing one cohort every year over the next four school years, they will reach capacity of 400 students. As a boarding school, SEED LA will provide students with the gift of time by spending 120 hours per week on campus from Sunday through Friday with an enthusiastic and committed group of teachers, counselors, advisors, and staff.

SEED LA’s Mission is to provide an outstanding, intensive educational program that prepares children, both academically and socially, for success in college and beyond.

The charter school is seeking to be their own LEA for special education purposes. As such, they have applied to Los Angeles County Charter SELPA for membership as required. Below are the findings of the SELPA review conducted during the months of April and May.

Capacity Interview:

On May 24, 2022 a capacity interview was held to gather additional information about how the charter school plans to serve students with disabilities. LAC Charter SELPA interview panel members were Damali Thomas, Project Director; Liz Thompson, Coordinator; Alyssa Martinez, Financial Operations Consultant; Analy Mendoza, Bilingual Clerk Typist; and Cindy Hall, Special Education Lead with Opportunities for Learning – Santa Clarita. Charter school representatives in attendance were Jubria Lewis, Head of School; Chloe Marshall, Director of Leadership and Program Design; Anita Landecker, CEO & President, ExED; Addison Grant, Vice President, ExED, and Gihan Gunasekera, Vice President of School Finance, ExED. The purpose of the capacity interview is to evaluate the LEA’s understanding of the responsibilities related to educating students with disabilities. The application materials can be accessed at the following link: https://padlet.com/LACOE_SELPA/sfo0i3nks950q316

Based on the review of the application and capacity interview, The SEED School of Los Angeles meets the minimum standards pertaining to all required elements. As such, LAC Charter SELPA recommends approval of the Charter School and that the Governance Council consider this recommendation for approval at its next meeting scheduled for June 23, 2022.

Application Overview and Summary:

Category	Description	Points Awarded
Required Elements	Completed application, Charter petition, Audit report, API Scores SARC, Details of credentialed staff, Signed SELPA assurances, SPED pupil Count and Notice of Withdrawal	39 of 45
Special Education Components	Child find, Gen. Ed program modifications, Referral process, Assessment procedures, IEP development process and suspension and expulsion data	18 of 21

Special Education Services	DIS Services, SAI, NPS/NPA, Inclusion, Transportation	16 of 21
Compliance/Capacity	504, Due process, State complaints, ADA compliance, Service of students, Administration, Professional Development, Process for settling disputes and SELPA LEA Assurances	21 of 27
Fiscal	Budget, Special education accounting, Audit, CMO Affiliation	54 of 60

Total Points Possible: 174

Minimum Acceptable points: 143

Total Points Awarded: 148

Recommendation: Approve SELPA Membership with the following conditions:

1. Receipt of a signed and executed SELPA Participants Agreement as early as the end of July but no later than the first day of school for the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Signed SED-LP-5 SELPA Assurances no later than August 1, 2022.
3. Charter agrees to utilize SEIS as its Special Education Information System for IEP development.
4. Receipt of proof of liability insurance no later than the first day of school for the 2022-2023 school year.
5. Copy of credentials for all certificated staff that provide special education and related services no later than the first day of school for the 2022-2023 school year.
6. Will meet conditions of authorization.

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Item IV. **REPORTS / STUDY TOPICS - Informational**

- B. [SELPA Reports](#) – Member Information and Discussion
 - 1. Finance & Governance
 - a. [2021-22 SELPA Fiscal Reporting Due Dates](#)
 - b. SELPA Governance Documents Access
 - [Local Plan](#)
 - [Allocation Plan](#)
 - [Participant’s Agreements](#)
 - 2. Data, Accountability, Compliance & CDE
 - a. CALPADS
 - 21-22 CALPADS End of Year - EOY 3 & 4
 - Frequent Uploads: Special Education Information
 - b. [21-22 Personnel Data Report](#)

Item V. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. Approval of *SEED School of Los Angeles County* for SELPA membership commencing July 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year

Based on a review and evaluation of the *SEED School of Los Angeles County* SELPA Application, the June 2, 2022 LEA Capacity Interview, it is recommended the Governance Council vote to approve SELPA membership for the 2022-2023 school year to *SEED School of Los Angeles County* with the following conditions:

1. Receipt of a signed and executed SELPA Participants Agreement as early as the end of July but no later than the first day of school for the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Signed SED-LP-5 SELPA Assurances no later than August 1, 2022.
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Item V. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- B. Approval of the 2022-23 Ad Hoc Committee, Program Council, CAC and Professional Development Calendars



**2022-2023 Ad Hoc Committee
 Calendar of Meetings**

(Meeting to follow Governance Council Meetings as needed.)

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
October	27	<u>LAC SELPA Office & Virtual</u> Room: TBD 9300 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242
January	26	<u>LAC SELPA Office & Virtual</u> Room: TBD 9300 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242
March	23	<u>LAC SELPA Office & Virtual</u> Room: TBD 9300 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242
April	27	<u>LAC SELPA Office & Virtual</u> Room: TBD 9300 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242
May	25	<u>LAC SELPA Office & Virtual</u> Room: TBD 9300 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242
June	22	<u>LAC SELPA Office & Virtual</u> Room: TBD 9300 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242

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 Approved:

Draft 2022-2023 Program Council Calendar of Meetings
 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
August	25th	<u>LAC SELPA Office & Virtual</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242
October	13 th	<u>LAC SELPA Office & Virtual</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242
December	15th	<u>LAC SELPA Office & Virtual</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242
February	16th	<u>LAC SELPA Office & Virtual</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242
April	27th	<u>LAC SELPA Office & Virtual</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242
June	1st	<u>LAC SELPA Office & Virtual</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242



Draft 2022-2023 Community Advisory Committee
 Calendar of Meetings
 6:00PM– 7:00PM
 All Meetings Held Virtually

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
September	7th	<u>LAC SELPA Office</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242
December	7th	<u>LAC SELPA Office</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242
February	8th	<u>LAC SELPA Office</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242
April	26th	<u>LAC SELPA Office</u> 9300 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242

2022-2023 Draft Professional Development Calendar

Title	Presenter	Time	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
New Member Nuts and Bolts	SELPA	9am – 12pm		10th										
Woodcock Johnson IV Achievement Test Administration and Subtest Review	Riverside Insights	1pm – 3pm			8th									
Woodcock Johnson IV Achievement Test Scoring and Interpretation	Riverside Insights	1pm – 3pm			14th									
Administrative Designee: The Art of Chairing IEP Meetings	SELPA	1pm – 3pm		17th										
Nonviolent Crisis Intervention	SELPA	8am – 3pm					2nd						17th	
IEP Writing Clinic	SELPA	3pm – 4pm			27th		17th		19th		16th			
SEIS for Administrators	SEIS	9am – 2pm		15th										
SEIS for Teachers	SEIS	9am – 1pm		22nd										
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Presenter	Time	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Effectively Facilitating IEP Meetings	HCR	1pm – 3pm			12th									
Overcoming Misinterpretations in Cross-Cultural Communication	HCR	1pm – 3pm				3rd								
ADR Cadre Case Review	SELPA	3pm - 4pm		25 th		13 th		15 th		16 th		27 th		1 st
Other Meetings & Trainings	Presenter	Time	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
School Psychologist Professional Development	SELPA	8:30am – 11:30am		19 th		20 th		16 th		16 th		23 rd		2 nd
Program Council	SELPA	1pm - 3pm		25th		13th		15th		16th		27th		1st
Community Advisory Committee	SELPA	6pm – 7pm			7 th			7 th		8 th		26 th		
Governance Council & Ad Hoc Committee	SELPA	8am – 10pm												

Other Professional Development Opportunities

- [LACOE Specialized Services Unit](#)
- [California Special Education Technical Assistance Network](#)
- [Southern California Diagnostic Center](#)
- [CAPTAIN AFIRM \(Autism Focused Intervention Resources & Modules\)](#)

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Item VI. **CLOSING ITEMS**

A. SELPA Calendars: Governance Council Calendar of Meetings



2022-2023 Governance Council Calendar of Meetings

Meeting: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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June	22	<u>LAC SELPA Office & Virtual</u> Room: TBD 9300 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242

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