

SELPA FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Standing Committee of the Consortium

December 8, 2025
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

SELPA Conference Room
3570 Rancho Road, Ste. 9; Redding, CA 96002

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 3:02 pm

Christian Patz, SELPA Executive Director, called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

SELPA Finance Advisory Council members roll call:

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| ● David Flores, Shasta UHSD - Region1 | ABSENT |
| ● Jennifer Parks, Anderson UHSD – Region 2 | ABSENT |
| ● Robert Fellingner, Redding ESD – Region 3 | Present |
| ● Deborah Williams, Enterprise ESD – Region 4 | Present |
| ● Cathleen Serna, Columbia ESD – Region 5 | Present |
| ● Lyndsey Gilstrap, SCOE – Region 6 | Present |
| ● Danniell Hampton, Fall River JUSD – Region 7 | Present |

Others present:

- Christian Patz, SELPA

2. Approval of the Agenda

ACTION: Robert Fellingner motioned to approve the Agenda as presented. Deborah Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote 5-0-0-2, no opposition, no abstentions, David Flores and Jennifer Parks were absent.

3. Public Forum / Hearing of Person’s Wishing to Address the Finance Advisory Council

Discussion: None.

4. Consent Items – (These action items are of a routine nature or items for which no discussion is anticipated, and are acted upon by a single vote. Members may request that any item be removed and given individual consideration.)

4a. Approval of Minutes for September 15, 2025

4b. Low Incidence Equipment & Reimbursement Request

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| 4b1. LI Equip. Reimb. Request #107 – Fall River JUSD – Mt. Burney High (OI Equip) | \$2,478.25 |
| 4b2. LI Equip. Request #108 – Pacheco ESD – Pacheco Elem (DHH Equip) | \$5,267.20 |
| 4b3. LI Equip. Request #109 – SELPA Stock (DHH Equip) | \$ 525.15 |
| 4b4. LI Equip. Request #110 – SELPA Stock (DHH Equip) | <u>\$ 103.24</u> |

TOTAL: \$8,374.36

4c. 2025-26 MTU Budget

Discussion: None.

ACTION: Deborah Williams motioned to approve the Consent Items as presented. Robert Fellingner seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote 5-0-0-2, no opposition, no abstentions, David Flores and Jennifer Parks were absent.

5. SELPA Director's Report

5a. State of SELPA

5b. IDEA 50th Anniversary

Discussion: Dr. Patz will provide an update of SELPA's VI, DHH, and Workability programs to the Governing Board – including the annual VI team and student ski trip pending. IDEA celebrated its 50th anniversary on Nov 29th as it began in 1975 and was recognized at the State SELPA Administrators meeting this month. Over 77% of students in CA with IEPs graduated with a high school diploma last year.

6. Fiscal Update – Discussion

6a. Budget vs. Actual

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members the SELPA still has a Workability vacancy, although All else on track. A resource allocation handout was provided.

7. 2026-27 Budget

7a. CDE SELPA Special Education Funding Exhibit

Discussion: Dr. Patz stated he will provide his annual history of SpEd funding to the Board this month in preparation for 2026-27 budget discussions, and will also discuss the likelihood of the federal budget staying flat. The state LAO indicates a COLA of 2.51%, but the Governor should announce a more definitive percentage in January. P2 ADA is still pending and attendance rates seem better than previously with most districts improving. There is also a proposed IDEA increase, though final figures are also pending.

Dr. Patz stated his driving goals for the 26-27 budget are the Low Incidence VI and DHH staff in Unit 5. The Unit 8 and 9 Administrative staff step and column are fixed, so he can keep costs flat using grant funds, etc. or will use non-AB102 funds to shift as needed. No other budget consideration requests provided.

8. Preschool Subsidy – Discussion / ACTION

Discussion: Dr. Patz offered options to the preschool subsidy, and suggested the policy change would be to use the unduplicated pupil count from Fall 1 this year, and only count Preschool kids, NOT TK kids, since TK is now funded by other sources. Members discussed keeping the policy the same for this year then remove TK from next year as discussed at the prior FAC meeting.

ACTION: Cathleen Serna motioned to remove TK students from the preschool subsidy count beginning in the 2026-27 school year. Deborah Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote 5-0-0-2, no opposition, no abstentions, David Flores and Jennifer Parks were absent.

9. SIRAS – Update

Discussion: Dr. Patz stated the SELPA intends to proceed with a switch to the SIRAS data system. Main concerns voiced by the Program Advisory Council (PAC) include (a) Training schedule – proposed dates were provided to SpEd Directors and Superintendents and will be ongoing; (b) Data transfer – There is no additional costs for SIRAS to transfer data and it would be a last option to pay someone to key in any additional information needed. Other concerns included the transfer of student goals and present levels, although we will have the option to turn off the import of present levels to force new, current data input, as not readily available and could have a cost associated with that option. The SCOE EDCon event on January 5th will include a SIRAS demo.

Discussion continued with Dr. Patz informing members of PAC's vote of 3 against, 2 in favor and 2 absent. Although not weighted in consideration, the overall vote would have been 5/5. Dr. Patz again emphasized the desire for a clear majority vote, while most superintendents have voiced concerns about a switch to SIRAS.

Mr. Fellingner voiced appreciation for Dr. Patz's transparency of all conversations involving SIRAS, but confirmed Region 3 declines to change. Mrs. Williams confirmed Region 4 also declines. Mrs. Serna stated Region 5 is in favor, as it has been discussed often and as her data technician is very supportive of the more user friendly SIRAS and believes it will help keep data cleaner and more complete on an ongoing basis. Mrs. Gilstrap stated Region 6 declines for various reasons involving student programs and other changes already implemented.

Members agreed they would defer the decision to PAC, although their vote likely echoes PAC.

10. Future Agenda Items

- Budget

11. Next meeting:

- Next meeting: February 9, 2026; 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, SELPA Conference Room

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:44 pm