

**SELPA PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL
Standing Committee of the Consortium**

January 27, 2026

**8:00 am – 10:00 am
SELPA Conference Room
3570 Rancho Road, Ste. 9; Redding, CA 96002**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 8:02 am

Christian Patz, SELPA Executive Director, called the meeting to order at 8:03 am.
SELPA Program Advisory Council members roll call:

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| ● REGION 1 – Cecile LaMar, SUHSD | Present |
| ● REGION 2 – Brandt Shriner, Anderson UHSD | Present |
| ● REGION 3 – Tami Oliver, Redding ESD | Present |
| ● REGION 4 – Annie Payne, Enterprise ESD | Present |
| ● REGION 5 – Ray Witte, Mtn. Valley JPA | Present |
| ● REGION 6 – Nate Solus, Gateway USD | Present |
| ● REGION 7 – Brent Beyer for Cindy Fruguglietti,
Fall River JUSD | Present |

Others present were:

- Christian Patz, SELPA Executive Director

Discussion: None.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Discussion: None.

ACTION: Ray Witte motioned to approve the Agenda as presented. Brandt Shriner seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote 7-0-0, no opposition, no abstentions, no absentees.

3. Public Forum / Hearing of Persons Wishing to Address the Program Advisory Council

Discussion: None.

4. SELPA Director’s Report

Standing Items:

- Monthly trainings / SELPA Professional Development Calendar ([*link*](#))

Discussion: Dr. Patz will provide members a link to register for a webinar regarding “Criteria for Alternate Assessment” which is reiterate the threshold of ensuring the right students are taking the alternate assessment. Lift Off for 2026-27 will be held August 3-10, 2026 with standard topics.

- ASL Interpreters - Update

Discussion: Dr. Patz reminded members of the need for 6 interpreters last year, and added 2 new ASL students this year. SELPA now has 5 full time interpreters on staff, and just hired an intern interpreter, and is working to get an in-person interpreter to Gateway. Costs are increasing due to greater need, while still trying to get interpreters out to students.

- REMINDER: ESY Waiver requests – Board review: February 24, 2026
- REMINDER: Extraordinary Cost Subsidy – Board review February / March

Discussion: Dr. Patz reminded members of upcoming deadlines and when they will be before the SELPA Governing Board for review. Hilary Schwartz, SELPA Accountant, reminded members that the SELPA DOES require all invoices for backup for Spectrum and Excel to support applications for the Extraordinary Cost Subsidy, which is for tuition only. One to one aid costs at Spectrum are NOT included. Mr. Solus noted the policy states “MAY”, not “shall not”. Dr. Patz stated one-to-one aid costs can be submitted under the extraordinary cost subsidy as a one-time cost, not as an ongoing cost. Mr. Solus requested all subsidies be discussed at the next meeting.

- REMINDER: LCAP Review - Board review: March 24, 2026

Discussion: Dr. Patz reminded members he only needs a draft of the district LCAP report for review, not the final report.

5. 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.)*

5a. Approval of Minutes for December 2, 2025

Discussion: None.

ACTION: Ray Witte motioned to approve the Consent item as presented. Brent Beyer seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote 7-0-0, no opposition, no abstentions, no absentees.

6. Special Education Update / Discussion

6a. The window for the service collection is January 1 - February 27, 2026

Discussion: Dr. Patz provided a slide presentation with data due dates and recognized members for Fall 1 certifications.

7. SIRAS – Discussion / Presentation

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members that the Board had good discussion regarding a switch from the SEIS platform to SIRAS in an effort to improve the accuracy and legal compliance of student IEPs. His random review of 33 IEPs in SEIS for paperwork errors, not content, identified several errors. In contrast, SIRAS features a built-in calculator and uses color-coded validations—red for required and yellow for optional—to highlight missing forms or errors before an IEP is affirmed. Dr. Patz provided a handout of how SIRAS would handle those errors. Technical comparisons focused on service tracking and meeting notices, with SIRAS the listing of individual and group services, and members discussed service tracker options in both. Dr. Patz offered to review both programs further.

Further discussion included legal compliance, and that SIRAS can help prevent these violations by driving the correct forms. Members discussed administrative responsibilities, noting that ensuring goals are included is vital since they drive services, and confirmed that meeting notices only require listing participant roles rather than specific names. Dr. Patz concluded that the ultimate goal is to move the districts toward better compliance and reduce clerical and form errors or omissions in student IEPs. Mr. Glover confirmed that only the positions and roles of those in attendance at the IEP are required in the meeting notes.

Dr. Patz suggested a future discussion regarding having a GenEd teacher present, the requirements, and its effect on any compliance hearing.

8. GoalBook – Discussion

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members that the GoalBook contract ends this June with 201 users currently. The multi-year renewal cost is estimated at \$88,000. Ms. Payne suggested Frenalynics, an alternative program, which features weekly progress monitoring and assessments. Unlike GoalBook, which focuses more on goal creation, Frenalynics is a highly secure, encrypted system that tracks data weekly and is compatible with both SEIS and SIRAS. While the program does not allow for backward modifications, a workaround exists that can be addressed through training. Dr. Patz offered to schedule a demo for himself.

Dr. Patz stated her would not bring GoalBook renewal to the Board at this time, and would schedule a demo of Frenalynics for the next Directors' meeting to further evaluate its tracking capabilities and how it handles progress report data.

9. 2026-27 Budget Preview – Discussion

Discussion: Dr. Patz informed members that the Board will be reviewing the proposed 2026-27 SELPA budget, noting that while Governor Newsom's proposed budget is ambitious yet unlikely. Currently, SELPA base rates vary by region but are slowly equalizing; for example, Shasta is currently at \$917 per ADA plus additional funding for Program Specialists, Low Income, and Mental Health. While the Governor has proposed a universal base rate of \$1,000 per ADA, the SELPA is conservatively building its budget based on a 2.41% COLA rather than the proposed base rate increase.

Dr. Patz stated that federal IDEA grants are expected to increase by \$20 million over last year, including \$1 million for technology and \$2 million for the Special Olympics, while maintaining existing preschool and infant/toddler grants. Our SELPA maintains a healthy reserve, including a Medi-Cal reserve that is no longer generating new funds but remains spendable. Dr. Patz suggested holding a special meeting to discuss strategies for spending down these reserves to support districts currently projecting budget shortfalls.

10. Future Agenda Items

- Subsidies – process and simplification
- 2026-27 budget
- Communicator meetings – Foster / Group home notifications

Discussion: None

11. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 8:00 am – 10:00 am, SELPA Conference Room

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.