

**West End Special Education Local Plan Area
8265 Aspen Ave., Ste. 200
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730**

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

May 06, 2025

5:30 p.m.

OPENING

A. Welcome and Reports

1. Introductions and Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda for May 06, 2025

Facilitator
- Brandy Gambino
* Brandy Gambino

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| Motion | Second | Vote |
| 3. Approval of CAC Minutes for April 08, 2025 | | |

* Brandy Gambino

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| Motion | Second | Vote |
| 4. Chief Administrative Officer’s Report | | |
| 5. District Reports | | |

- Ricky Alyassi
- Brandy Gambino

PUBLIC COMMENT

B. Public Comment

The West End SELPA Community Advisory Committee welcomes comments from visitors. Should anyone wish to make comments, he/she may voluntarily complete a public comment form located at the table in the back of the room. The Public Comment forms must be submitted *prior* to the beginning of the meeting. The forms will be collected by the recording secretary and given to the meeting facilitator. The Public Comment period is the opportunity for the public to address the members on (1) non-agenda items within the jurisdiction of the members, (2) items listed on the agenda. All public comment will be allowed (3) three minutes per item, if a member of the public desires to be heard on more than (3) three items appearing on the agenda, he/she will be allowed up to a total of (9) nine minutes to address all items non-agenda and agendized. Each agenda item will have a total of 20 minutes for public comment on one agenda item.

There will not be a separate opportunity to comment at the time each agenda item is addressed by the Council unless the item specifically involves an agendized public hearing. All public comments will be heard during the agendized public comment section B.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

C. Discussion Items

1. Legislative Sharing Day Update
2. Community Advisory Committee Annual Report
3. District CAC Appointments: Chaffey, Chino Valley, Etiwanda, and Upland (odd year)
4. WESELPA CAC 2025-26 Presentation Suggestions

- Roxanne Ramirez
* Ricky Alyassi
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- Brandy Gambino

- a. October 7, 2025 (TBD)
- b. March 10, 2025 (TBD)
- c. Annual Art & Writing Theme (TBD)

BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

D. Business Action Items

- 1. 2025-26 CAC Meeting Schedule

* Brandy Gambino

Motion

Second

Vote

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/ADJOURNMENT

E. Future Agenda Items

- Brandy Gambino

F. Adjournment

- Brandy Gambino

Motion

Second

Vote

The meeting location for Community Advisory Committee will be held at 8265 Aspen Ave., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730. Agenda packets are available on the WESELPA website www.weselpa.net or you may request an agenda packet by calling (909) 476-6131, 72 hours before the scheduled meeting. A fee of ten cents (.10) per page will be charged for copied agenda packet.

*** Handout Included ** Handout to be distributed at the meeting - No Handout**

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West End SELPA
Community Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes
 April 08, 2025

<u>District</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Alta Loma	Gina Barker	
Central	Karen Peters	
Chaffey Joint Union		
Chino Valley Unified	Brandy Gambino	
Cucamonga	Roxanne Ramirez	
Etiwanda	Geovanni Valley	
Mountain View		
Mt. Baldy		Andrea Acevedo
Upland Unified		Tracy Anderson
IRC Agency		Mona Jaber
West End SELPA	Ricky Alyassi, Tim Chatkoo, Natalie Vivar	Julie Macias

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson-Elect called meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Introductions and Welcome

Introductions and welcome to all CAC committee members.

2. Acceptance of Agenda for April 08, 2025

Motion made by Gina Barker to accept the April 08, 2025 Community Advisory meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Geovanni Valley, motion carried on a 4-0-0-3.

Ayes: Gina Barker, Karen Peters, Roxanne Perez, Geovanni Valley

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2

3. Acceptance of CAC Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2025

Motion made by Roxanne Ramirez to accept the February 11, 2025, CAC meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Gina Barker, motion carried on a 5-0-0-2.

Ayes: Gina Barker, Karen Peters, Roxanne Perez, Geovanni Valley, Brandy Gambino

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2

4. SELPA Administrator’s Report

The Chief Administrative Officer shared a highlight video from Day Creek Intermediate showcasing a student's growth through inclusive education. The Etiwanda parent representative expressed appreciation for classrooms where general and special education students learn together and supported continued collaboration. The Alta Loma parent representative highlighted the compassion of general education students, sharing how her son in a mild to moderate program thrives in inclusive electives and benefits socially. She also praised the school's buddy program.

5. District/Agency Reports

Alta Loma: Parent representative shared updates on program changes, including the move of 6th graders to junior high and a shift to a push-in model for RSP services, with SAI continuing for math and ELA. Alta Loma will implement full-day kindergarten, aligning with other SDC sites. The district is also working to expand inclusion and mainstreaming opportunities in line with the California Department of Education expectations.

Central: No report provided.

Etiwanda: Parent representative shared that the district is providing increased behavioral support by sending specialists to schools twice a week, addressing previously identified staff needs. He remains actively involved and noted improvements since last year. He raised concerns about the IEP process, resulting in the creation of a parent-friendly checklist to guide families, which was shared with the committee for potential use in future parent trainings. He emphasized the need to raise awareness of SELPA services and expressed his commitment to supporting Etiwanda families and partnering with SELPA staff to strengthen school-family connections.

Chino Valley: Parent representative shared her experience of initially being unaware of what SELPA was and relying solely on the district for services. She expressed ongoing frustration about her child's reading level and lack of access to reading intervention programs, noting the need for follow-up. Concerns were raised about limited inclusion, especially in kindergarten, and a specific incident where her child was overwhelmed during a 6th grade event due to the absence of an aide. The situation highlighted the need for better support and planning for students with higher needs.

Cucamonga: Parent representative introduced ParentSquare and announced the 3rd Annual Inclusion Fest on May 1st, a community event celebrating all abilities. She highlighted inclusive activities at Los Amigos, such as the Walk for California. As a parent of a child with autism, she raised concerns about disrespectful language toward students with disabilities and recommended memos be sent to classrooms and families to promote respectful conduct. She emphasized the ongoing need for awareness, proposed a town hall to address these issues, and encouraged stronger advocacy.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Des Alvarez non-agendized public comment requesting all records held by the West End SELPA related to her child. She stated that previous requests made to in-house counsel resulted only in minimal public records and emphasized that she is seeking the SELPA's specific records—not those

from the Etiwanda School District. She noted that she should not have to specify what records she is requesting and believes SELPA should be able to locate them using an associated student ID number. Ms. Alvarez expressed concern about the compensation of the SELPA's legal counsel and alleged that her previous records requests were labeled as burdensome. She questioned why full records have not been provided and stated she needs them to file a FERPA complaint, as her district declined to hold a FERPA meeting. She also claimed the SELPA's attorney played a role in the alleged violation of her rights. Referencing the SELPA's stated mission of partnering with families to remove barriers to education, she shared that withholding the records constitutes a significant barrier. She stated that her child is currently not attending school due to this unresolved issue and requested that the record be removed, or a hearing be granted.

Antoinette Jensen submitted a non-agendized public comment. Ms. Jensen expressed appreciation for the day's discussion and acknowledged her active role as a special education parent and advocate, particularly regarding ELOP. She shared that although she had a positive experience in the Etiwanda School District and was a former employee, she had not been aware of the West End SELPA at the time. She spoke about her son, who was born with a hand anomaly and suffered a stroke at birth and noted that the meeting's discussions resonated with her. Ms. Jensen emphasized the importance of open communication and collaboration but voiced concern over the new three-minute public comment limit, questioning its alignment with the Brown Act. Reflecting on her time in a full inclusion classroom, she noted that staff were not credential. She shared that the district recently responded in writing, stating her claims about student regression were untruthful—an experience she found devastating given her commitment to student safety. Ms. Jensen also raised concerns about compliance, the underpayment of early childhood educators, and the broader treatment of special education families. She expressed frustration that she is often seen only as someone who complains rather than as a mother, wife, and daughter. She stated that the bullying she refers to often comes from administrators and staff, and questioned whether limiting public comment is a way to silence parents. She concluded by directly addressing the Chief Administrative Officer, affirming that student regression is illegal and that what she shared was the truth. Time expired.

Public Comment concluded.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Fiscal Notifications

The Fiscal Consultant shared a thorough overview of a. 2025-26 Regional Program Fee-for-Service Rates b. 2025-26 Preliminary AB602 Funding Model c. 2025-26 Mental Health Funding Model d. 2025-26 SELPA Administrative Budgets

2. Supporting Innovative Practices (SIP) Grant

The Chief Administrative Officer provided a thorough overview of the Supporting Innovative Practices (SIP) Grant to committee members.

3. 2025-26 Proposed Meeting Schedule

The Chief Administrative Officer presented the proposed 2025–26 Community Advisory meeting schedule.

4. Local Plan Section D: Annual Budget Plan and Section E: Annual Service Plan

The Fiscal Consultant presented an overview of Section D – Annual Budget Plan and lastly, the Chief Administrative Officer presented an overview of Section E – Annual Service Plan. No questions or comments from committee members.

5. District CAC Appointments: Chaffey, Chino Valley, Etiwanda, and Upland (odd year)
Chief Administrative Officer presented the District CAC Appointments: Chaffey, Chino Valley, Etiwanda, and Upland (odd year).

6. Annual Art & Writing Showcase

The Chief Administrative Officer of the West End SELPA presented the CAC Annual Art & Writing Showcase flyer and announced the 2024–25 theme, "Better Together." The event is scheduled for April 10, 2025, at Chaffey High School's Gardiner Auditorium.

D. Future Agenda Items

Presentation Themes

E. Adjournment

Motion made by Roxanne Ramirez to adjourn the February 11, 2025 CAC business meeting, seconded by Geovanni Valley, motion carried on a 5-0-0-2.

Ayes: Gina Barker, Karen Peters, Roxanne Perez, Geovanni Valley, Brandy Gambino

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Art and Writing Showcase April 10, 2025

- 375 Submissions
- Special performances
- Over 500 in attendance

CAC -Business Meetings

September 3, 2024

November 05, 2024

February 11, 2025

April 8, 2025

May 06, 2025

CAC-Trainings/Presentations

October 8, 2024
Behavioral Practices for the Home

March 04, 2025
Navigating the IEP

CAC Membership

Odd Year Renewal

- Chaffey Joint
- Chino Valley
- Etiwanda
- Upland



Community Advisory Committee
Representatives

Community Advisory Committee representatives serve an important role as a liaison between the community and the district director of special education. Representatives recommend priorities for special education services, assist in parent education, and support activities on behalf of individuals with exceptional needs.

In accordance with the Community Advisory Committee bylaws, the **Chaffey JUHSD, Chino Valley USD, Etiwanda SD, and Upland USD** school districts shall appoint parent representatives in odd-numbered years to the Community Advisory Committee for a two-year term, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The representative should be a parent of a student residing and enrolled in the school district or a district-offered school program. The appointment is by the action of the District Board of Education.

Once the School District Board of Education has approved the appointment of the district representative, please forward the name, and contact information for the representative, and a copy of the board approval to Natalie Vivar, Administrative Assistant, West End SELPA.



WEST END SELPA COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

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MEETING SCHEDULE 2025-26

DATE	TIME	MEETING TYPE
Tuesday, September 9, 2025	5:30	Business Meeting
Tuesday, October 7, 2025	5:30	Presentation
Tuesday, February 10, 2026	5:30	Business Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2026	5:30	Presentation
Tuesday, April 14, 2026	5:30	Business Meeting
TBD	5:00 pm	Annual Art & Writing Showcase
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	5:30	Business Meeting

MEETING LOCATION: WEST END EDUCATIONAL CENTER - 8265 ASPEN AVE.,
RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

ANNUAL ART & WRITING SHOWCASE LOCATION: TBD