Community Advisory Committee (CAC) – Pasadena Unified School District

CAC Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

Meeting Date:
April 28, 2026

Meeting Location:
In person meeting

Welcome Announcement and Chair Report:
Rachel Axelrod, CAC Community Liaison, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:19 PM.

Public Announcements:
Pasadena Public Health

Chair Report
Due to technical challenges that delayed the start of the meeting, the Chair's Report was initially moved to the end of the agenda to allow the scheduled presentations to proceed on time. Ultimately, it was decided to withdraw the report from the meeting due to time constraints

Disability Spotlight:
Emotional Disabilities – Erica Villalpando, Manager, Mental Health Services, PUSD
Provided a presentation on various emotional disabilities and reviewed best practices and resources to support student success.

Feature Presentation:
Autism Today: Current Conversations, Common Myths, and Best Practices
Presentation was presented by Dr. Lorena Galvan from Children's Hospital Los Angeles' University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities.

Autism Presentation Q&A:
Attendees engaged in a question-and-answer session with Dr. Galvan regarding topics covered in the presentation and other general questions about autism.

SELPA Presentation:

SELPA Plan and SELPA Budget – Dr. Sergio Canal, Chief Human Resources Officer, PUSD and Julianne Reynoso, Assistant Superintendent, Student Wellness and Support Services, PUSD

Presentation addressed Sections A, D, E of the SELPA Plan along with the Budget breakdowns. A brief Q&A session was initiated, but attendees were ultimately directed to submit questions via a QR code.

Roll Call:

CAC Vice-Chair conducted the roll call. Quorum was met.

	Name	
1.	Deborah Watson	Parent
2.	Dionne Harvey	Individual
3.	Adria Schneider	Parent
4.	Rachel Axelrod	Parent
5.	Judy McKinley	Individual
6.	Ruthann Aull	Community Member

Action Items:

a) Approved March minutes
b) Voting new CAC members

The CAC voted on renewal and new membership applications.

Renewal Memberships

The following renewal memberships were approved by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no:
Adria Schneider
Deborah Watson
Fernando de Necochea
Rachel Axelrod

New Memberships

The following new memberships were approved by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no:

Jillian Okamura
Janice Williams
Karla Rojas

Tabled Membership Application

Carol Chung's new membership application received a split vote of 3 yes, 3 no. Since the motion did not receive majority approval, the application was not approved at this meeting. The item was tabled pending review of the meeting attendance requirement and may be brought back for consideration at a future meeting.

c) Deborah Watson was nominated as Chair and Rachel Axelrod was nominated as Vice-Chair for the upcoming new Board election

Adjournment:

The meeting concludes and adjourns at 8:47 PM.

Sign-In Sheet/Meeting Attendance:

Adria Schneider
Deborah Watson
Dionne Harvey
Rachel Axelrod
Laura Barba
Jillian Okamura
Julianne Reynoso
Ruthann Aull
Leanne Fessenden
Erica Villalpando
Miranda Diaz
Karla Rojas
Kim Kenne
Jose Touar
Kimberly Gorde-Kert
Janice Williams
Oscar Bernal
Judy McKinley