



**District English Learner
Advisory Committee
(DELAC)**

DELAC Officials
Irma Gonzalez, President
Angelina Aranda, Vice President
Francisca Vargas, Secretary
Lucia Vega, Sergeant of Arms
Nancy Manriquez, Parliamentary

Interim Superintendent
Brian Biedermann

Director
Dr. Susana Ramirez

**DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
(DELAC)**

December 9, 2020

9:00 A.M.- 10:00 A.M.

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

1.0 Welcome.-The meeting began at 9:05 a.m. Paola Juarez (parent liaison) notifies all attendees that the meeting will be recorded for the district archives and that no one has the right to publish it and if anyone does not want to be recorded, they must turn off their camera. Participants were asked not to record the meeting in order to maintain the privacy of members and guests. After these clarifications, Irma Gonzalez (president) asks for two motions to begin the meeting, the first motion was made by Marlen Sevilla, the second motion was by Lucila Mendoza, with everyone agreeing, the motion is approved.

2.0 Roll Call. - Francisca Vargas (secretary) did roll call. The following schools were represented by:

- 1.- **Adams:** Tami Montoya (alt)
- 2.- **August:** Leticia Albor (alt), Ma. Elizabeth Lopez (alt)
- 3.-**Cesar Chavez:** Leticia Albor (rep)
- 4.- **Cleveland:** Rosa Arana (alt)
- 5.- **Commodore:** Janette Flores Jimenez (rep)
- 6.- **Edison H.S.:** Francisca Vargas (rep) (secretary)
- 7.- **Elmwood:** Maria de la Luz Villarreal (rep)
- 8.- **Franklin H.S.:** Laura Martinez Guadarrama (rep), Nancy Manriquez (parliamentarian)
- 9.- **Fremont:** Tami Montoya (rep)
- 10.- **Grunsky:** Maria Ramirez (alt)
- 11.- **Henry:** Blanca Olivera (rep)
- 12.- **Hong Kingston:** Martha Hernandez (rep)
- 13.- **Madison:** Jeimy Chijate (rep.), Karina Macias (alt)
- 14.- **Mckinley:** Beatriz Lopez (rep), Veronica Merino (alt)
- 15.- **Monroe:** Marlen Sevilla (alt)
- 16.- **Payton:** Felicitas Parada (rep)
- 17.- **Pittman:** Gladys Mendoza (rep), Adriana Cardona (alt)
- 18.- **PYA:** Angelina Aranda (rep) (vice-president)
- 19.- **Roosevelt:** Catalina Ramos (rep)
- 20.- **San Joaquín:** Mayra Padilla (rep), Irma Gonzalez (president)
- 21.- **SECA H.S.:** Mayela e Hilario Villalpando

- 22.- **Spanos:** Naida Quintero Herrera (alt)
- 23.- **Taft:** Blanca Balderas (rep), Lucia Vega (sergeant in arms)
- 24.- **Victory:** Laura Ortiz (rep)
- 25.- **Weber H.S.:** Lucila Mendoza (rep)

In this meeting, 25 schools were represented and 40 people were present at the virtual meeting of which 32 are members. In addition to the members and guests, we also had in attendance the staff of the Language Development Office: Monica Ruiz, and Mani Phonephacdy, Bilingual Evaluation Assistants, Paola Juárez, Parent Liaison, Olivia Fernandez, Administrative Assistant and Dr. Susana Ramirez, Director. We also had the following district members join us: Dr. Connor Sloan, LCAP Director, Lilian Guerra, King Elementary Assistant Principal, and AngelAnn Flores Board of Education member for Area 2.

3.0- Changes to the Agenda. -Francisca Vargas (secretary) asked for 2 motions to add an item to the agenda: *5.0 Previous Business, 5.1 Clarification on the November 18, 2020 voting* presented by Dr. Ramirez. The first motion was made by Maria Ramirez, seconded by Lucia Vega, all being in agreement, the motion was approved.

4.0- Read and Approval of the Minutes.- Because this is a special meeting for Secretary voting, the minutes of the November 18 meeting and those of this meeting will be read at the January 6, 2021 meeting.

5.0 Old Business:

5.1. Clarification on the November 18, 2020 voting: Dr. Ramirez clarified the results of the election for president with the help of Paola Juarez (parent liaison) and demonstrated the official vote count:

Francisca Vargas: 14 votes
Irma Gonzalez: 8 votes

Paola Juarez clarifies that the vote was given through chat and text addressed only to her. Dr. Ramirez explained that according to article 5 of the bylaws, the vote must be secret but that during the voting that was held on November 18, 2020, Francisca Vargas and Irma Gonzalez were present as witnesses in the office where the votes were being sent to Paola Juarez. Dr. Ramirez clarified that they were the only ones who were available to be present at the vote count and that the mistake was unconsciously made of having witnesses who were also candidates and that they should not have been present.

Dr. Ramirez publicly apologized to all DELAC members for the serious mistake and invited the representatives and the board of directors to decide how to remedy the situation. She suggested doing the voting again and expressed that in no way did she want any member or guest to feel intimidated. She invited them to express their opinion freely and if anyone has a concern or complaint, they can bring it up to Paola Juarez, herself or

her supervisor, the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and shared his email ESwanson@stocktonusd.net.

Dr. Ramirez once again explained that she and the DELAC board are available to assist them at any time and wants the members to feel free to express their concerns or complaints with full assurance that everything will be confidential. Again, she apologizes and explains that this is something we are learning from and that the members have the last word on how to solve the problem and invited the members to express their opinions:

Blanca Balderas shared that she is satisfied with the results of the elections and based on our current living situation, everything is fine.

Lucila Mendoza is grateful that they are acknowledging and clarifying the mistake that was made and that for her the votes are very clear. She does not see the need to do them again.

Nancy Manriquez (parliamentarian) clarifies that the apologies are being given because Irma Gonzalez and Francisca Vargas should not have been present but that more parents were sought to attend, and no one was available.

Lucia Vega (sergeant-in-arms) also apologizes for the error of the board of directors and is grateful that this has been clarified in time; she is also satisfied with the results and does not see the need to vote again.

Angelina Aranda (vice president) tells us all that we are leaders and we must improve in order to help our students, and bring the information to our ELAC committees, this error is to be taken as a learning experience; always remembering that we are open to your opinions and comments.

Maria de la Luz Villarreal, expresses that for her everything is clear and that they are only small mistakes from which we must learn.

Irma Gonzalez (president) informed us that she was the current president and according to her she made sure that everything was done according to the regulations and unfortunately she did not realize the fault we all incurred. During this meeting she shared that there was an alleged complaint from a member whose name was not revealed to anyone (due to confidentiality), only she contacted her, to tell her of the offense, that is why she as a representative of each one of us brought this issue to the board of directors and it was presented here today, each and every one of us counts, and our voice must be heard.

A motion was requested to extend the meeting for another 20 minutes, the motion was made by Lucía Vega, seconded by Blanca Olivera, all of whom agreed, the motion was approved.

Clarifying the mistake, and everyone being in agreement on the elections for president, the results presented remain, Maria de la Luz Villarreal makes the first motion, seconded by Rosa Arana, with everyone agreeing, the motion is approved.

6.0 New Business:

6.1. Certificates to Acknowledge Officers: Dr. Ramirez greatly thanks the officers who finish their term, she is very grateful for their great work, participation, dedication and work within the board of directors, they have been sent a certificate also shown on screen, these are the officers and their positions:

Irma González President 2018-2020
Nancy Manriquez Parliamentary 2018-2020
Francisca Vargas Secretary 2018-2020

Each officer who met their term thanks all the members for their support and trust during their time on the board.

Again a motion is requested to extend the meeting, first motion Lucia Vega, second motion Marlen Sevilla, all agree, motion approved.

Dr. Ramirez introduces Ms. AngelAnn Flores, District Board Member for Area 2. Ms. Flores congratulates all the members and tells us that she is very interested in attending these meetings. She likes being informed about the concerns at the schools, listening to our voices because she is here for us, if anyone wishes to contact her she is willing to listen to everyone in general, she is a public servant and you can count on her.

6.2. Confirmation of New Officers: Dr. Ramirez informs us that officially today is the last meeting for Mrs. Irma Gonzalez as president, in the next meeting there will be a new president; Francisca Vargas.

Regarding the parliamentary position, there were several nominations but Mrs. Adriana Cardona was the only one who accepted the nomination, therefore she would automatically remain in that position and we would not have to be voted in if members agree. For this two motions are needed, Laura Martinez makes the first motion, seconded by Veronica Merino, with everyone agreeing, the motion is approved.

6.3. Nomination Results and Voting for Secretary: Paola Juarez asks all attendees if they received the voting ballot. Dr. Ramirez presents the list of nominations for secretary and asks the nominees to say whether they accept their nomination:

Irma Gonzalez: Does not accept the nomination
Martha Hernandez: Accepts the nomination
Karina Macias: Does not accept the nomination

Lucila Mendoza: Accepts the nomination

With these results as of this moment being 10:35 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, voting opens. Paola Juarez informs the committee that from that moment until 12 noon on that day they will be able to send their vote by text to [REDACTED] or by email to pjuarez@stocktonusd.net and voters will receive confirmation that their vote was received no later than Friday, December 11, 2020.

7.0 Announcements:

7.1 Angelina Aranda (vice president) informs us that the next DELAC meeting will be on January 6, 2021.

8. Adjournment: Two motions are requested to close the meeting at 10:54 a.m., the first motion is made by Nancy Manriquez, seconded by Maria Ramirez, all of whom agree, the motion is approved.

These minutes were written by Francisca Vargas and Paola Juarez.
Approved by Dr. Susana Ramirez