

## NENC Education Committee Meeting Minutes January 11, 2025

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and determination of a quorum.

Members of the committee: Judy Diamond, Betsy Manchester, Christopher Meredith, Barbara Nitkin (Alternate), Carl Petersen (Chair), Ken Ross (Alternate), and Keiry Saravia (Alternate).

### **Called to order at 9:05 AM**

**Meredith and Petersen were present. Nitkin was seated for Diamond.**

**A quorum was achieved.**

2. Approve Minutes from the September meetings. They can be found at [bit.ly/Minutes091224](https://bit.ly/Minutes091224) and [/Minutes091424](https://bit.ly/Minutes091424)

**Tabled to give committee members time to review.**

3. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials.

**None were present**

4. Review of September's Candidate Forum for the LAUSD Board District 3 candidates.

**The consensus was that it went well.**

5. Discussion and possible motion about the election results from November.

**Scott Schmerelson retained his seat. Public Education supporters Sherlett Hendy Newbill and Karla Griego also won.**

6. Discussion and possible motion about Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application from Andasol Avenue Elementary School for a mural on the school library exterior wall in the amount of \$5,000.

**Meredith reports that since the work is already completed the NENC cannot fund it.**

7. Update on the NPG approved by the NENC for the Balboa Spirit Club in the amount of \$3,000.

**Meredith has reached out. No further update.**

8. Discussion and possible action on the motion passed by the NENC Board: "The NENC Board asks the LA City Council to support the passage of the proposed LAUSD resolution: Improving Special Education Within the LAUSD" [bit.ly/SpEdRes221218](https://bit.ly/SpEdRes221218)

**Petersen expressed disappointment that Scott Schmerelson has stated that he will not support the resolution. He will reach out to Newbill and Karla Griego.**

9. Discussion and possible action on the motion passed by the NENC Board: “The NENC expresses concern about dramatic changes affecting the LAUSD's most vulnerable students including the elimination of Primary Promise from many schools and removing the option of special education day classes and special education centers. These changes were made without input from their parents or the community.”

**The committee will draft a letter asking for data that proves the new program is an improvement. Draft at next meeting?**

10. Discussion and possible motion(s) about issues related to student safety, including but not limited to dangerous traffic conditions on streets around our local schools including Northridge Academy High School and the Fentanyl/opioid crisis.

**Discussed fires and the lack of planning around the closure of the schools.**

11. Discussion and possible motion on the amount past due by charter schools for overallocation fees. As of **September 30, 2024**, the balance is \$2,899,721. [bit.ly/Overallocation093024](https://bit.ly/Overallocation093024)

**There is a concern that these funds have still not been paid in full and the lack of transparency.**

12. Discussion and possible motions about PROP-39, state legislation to improve charter school accountability, and other charter school issues.

**No updates.**

13. Discussion and possible motion about how PROP-28 funds are being spent.

**Dearborn has seen more arts programs activated.**

14. Discussion and possible motion about how the LAUSD developed the new SELPA.

**No updates.**

15. Discussion and possible motion complaints surrounding LAUSD parent committees.

**No updates.**

16. Discussion and possible motion about Ken Ross' proposed LAUSD "Feeder Program" into CSUN for their STEAM Program.

**No updates.**

17. Update on outreach for the NPGs related to education during the next fiscal year.

**No updates.**

18. Update on the motion passed by the NENC Board: "In light of the events that occurred at Saticoy Elementary School on June 2, 2023, the NENC urges the City of Los Angeles to support the LAUSD's efforts at promoting inclusion and diversity."

Letters sent to the LA City Council Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee:  
[bit.ly/LetterToCityCouncil\\_Saticoy](https://bit.ly/LetterToCityCouncil_Saticoy) and [bit.ly/CityCouncil\\_Inclusion](https://bit.ly/CityCouncil_Inclusion)

**No updates.**

19. Discussion of possible education roundtable to be held with the Winnetka Neighborhood Council (and possibly others).

**The committee is interested. Would also like to invite Reseda.**

20. Public Comments from stakeholders for non-agenda items.

**None were present.**

21. Recommendations or requests to be added as a committee member.

**Will request to add Sydney Thiroux as an alternate.**

22. Set a date and location for the next meeting and receive ideas for future agenda items.

**February 8, 2025, at 9:00.**

23. Adjournment **9:44**