

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
EDUCATION AND PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minute Summary  
July 08, 2026**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Adam Siegel, Alicia Garoupa, Christina Gonzales, Courtney Mattley, Jeanne Atangana, Juan Navarro, Laurie Jacobs, Maria Silva-Palacios, Rebecca Birotte

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Dorothy Fleisher, Jake Fisher, Jerry Velasco

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:** John Ho Song

**GUEST REGISTER:** Kim Griffin-Esperon, Monique Yateem, Darrell Santos

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:** Education and Prevention July 08, 2026, Agenda, Education and Prevention Meeting Summary May 13, 2026 – Draft, SAPC Prevention Provider Events July 2026; Presentation from LACOE

| Topic                                                       | Discussion/Finding                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 1. Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners and Guests | Chair Alicia Garoupa, County of Los Angeles, the Policy and Planning Committee convened the meeting at 12:31 P.M.<br><br>Chair Alicia Garoupa asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guests.<br><br>Quorum present.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2. Public Comments                                          | No Public Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3. Action on AB2449 and Excuse Absence                      | Commissioners Dorothy Fleisher, Jake Fisher, and Jerry Velasco have asked to be excused from today's meeting.<br><br>Chair Alicia Garoupa entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Howard Winkler and seconded by Commissioner Rebecca Birotte.<br><br>Motion was unanimously carried.<br><br><i>Following adjournment, it was determined that Commissioner Howard Winkler is not an appointed member of this subcommittee and was ineligible to move this for approval.</i>                                                                                                                               |
| 4. Action on Meeting Minutes for July 08, 2026              | Chair Alicia Garoupa entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Christina Gonzales and seconded by Commissioner Rebecca Birotte.<br><br>Motion was unanimously carried.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 5. Presentation                                             | Kim Griffin-Esperon, LCSW, NCSSW, Project Director III, Mental Health and School Counseling Los Angeles County Office of Education<br>Scaling Up School-Based Behavioral Health and Substance Use Prevention, Screening and Early Intervention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Substance Use Trends in School-Aged Youth</li> <li>• Shifting Treatment Trends</li> <li>• Substance Use and Mental Health: A Bi-Directional Relationship</li> <li>• Scaling Up School-Based Supports</li> <li>• Partnering to Support a Tiered Approach</li> <li>• Substance Use Prevention Supports for All</li> </ul> |

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|                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening &amp; Brief Interventions</li> <li>• Support for Students Needing a Higher Level of Care</li> <li>• Partnering with Schools: Recommended Approaches</li> <li>• Leverage Data as a “Door Opener” for District Leadership</li> <li>• Avoid “Collaboration Fatigue” by Differentiating roles and Clarifying Supports</li> <li>• Create a Unified “Warm Handoff” Protocol</li> <li>• Establish Cross-SPA Professional Learning Communities</li> <li>• Provide School-Centric Cultural and Operational Training</li> </ul> |
| 6. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest | No comments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 7. Adjournment                                      | Meeting was adjourned at 1:03 P.M.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**Next meeting date:**  
 October 14, 2026, at 12:30 P.M.  
 The Alhambra  
 1000 S Fremont Ave Conference Room G2  
 Alhambra, CA 91803