



Los Angeles Unified School District  
Nimitz Middle School  
English Learner Advisory Committee  
Parent/Legal Guardian and  
Community Member Election  
Minutes

September 20, 2023

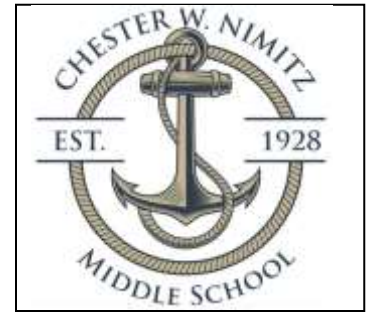
9:00 a.m.

In-person meeting location: Library Parent Center

Zoom meeting link: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/88127137283>

Zoom meeting ID: 881 2713 7283

One Tap Mobile/Conference Call # 1 213 338 8477



I.	<b>Welcome/Call to Order:</b> Mr. Joel Najjar, TSP Coordinator, welcomed the participants at 9:11 a.m. and informed participants that the election meeting was being recorded.
II.	<b>Flag Salute:</b> Mr. Joel Najjar, TSP Coordinator, asked for a volunteer to lead the flag salute. Mr. Joel Najjar, TSP Coordinator, lead the flag salute in English and Ms. Maria Iniguez, Parent led the flag salute in Spanish.
III.	<b>General ELAC Overview:</b> Mr. Joel Najjar, TSP Coordinator, gave a brief overview regarding the functions and responsibilities of the English Learner Advisory Committee, the roles and responsibilities of members and officers, and provided an explanation of the election procedures. He explained that according to the Guidelines, Nimitz Middle School needed to elect a minimum number of <b>4</b> persons according to the number of English Learners (ELs) at the school site; more than the required minimum number of members can be elected, ensuring however, that the number of EL parents in the committee equals or exceeds the percentage of English Learners in the school. There was a period for questions and answers. An ELAC election meeting was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. to elect EL-Parents, Non-EL Parents, and Officers. Unfortunately, at the end of the meeting, it was discovered that the school did not have the required percentage of EL-Parent elected, as a result the school reached out to district personnel to fix the mistake. After the consultation with district personnel, It was determined that the school could honor the election results of the Non-EL Parents, however, the school needed to hold another election meeting for EL-Parent members only and null the Officers' elections results to allow for the newly EL-Parent candidates to be able to self-nominate or be nominated by someone else. The school sent out emails to all the participants of the meeting on September 12, 2023 explaining reason the new election meeting was needed. The participants were also Informed about the new date and time for the meeting over 72 hours prior to the new date, September 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. (The Sign-In forms from the first elections meeting will be submitted as well.)

#### IV. ELAC ELECTION

##### Election of EL Parent/Legal Guardians:

Mr. Joel Najjar, TSP Coordinator, informed the participants that he was serving as the electioneer for today's election process. Participants were reminded that at least a minimum of **4** parents were needed to form the committee and that only EL parents/legal guardians can elect both **EL** parents/legal guardians and **non-EL** parents for the committee. (The step to elect non-EL parent was only carried out and honored on September 12, 2023)

Mr. Joel Najjar, TSP Coordinator, electioneer declared the floor open for nominations. He displayed the Excel spreadsheet with the names of the voting EL Parent/Legal Guardians present.

The following EL parent/legal guardians self-nominated or were nominated and their names were inserted in the corresponding section of the Excel spreadsheet where all attending could view them:

1. Bensua Gonzalez
2. Mario Guzman
3. Joanna Avila
4. Leonor Marron
5. Veronica Campos

The electioneer asked three times if any other EL parent/legal guardian was interested in being an **English Learner Advisory Committee** member. Hearing none, he asked an EL parent/legal guardian to make a motion regarding the closing of nominations and accepting the nominees as candidates. He recognized Mr. Mario Guzman, Parent, who made the first motion.

**Motion:** Mr. Mario Guzman, Parent, made the motion to close the nominations and accept the nominees as candidates. The electioneer repeated the motion and asked for a second. He recognized Joanna Avila, Parent.

Joanna Avila, Parent, seconded the motion to close the nominations and accept the nominees as candidates. The electioneer displayed the Excel sheet with the motion and explained what a "Yes" vote meant and what a "No" vote meant. He reviewed the list of EL parent/legal guardians in the room and asked if any EL parent/legal guardian's name was missing. Seeing none, he called out each of the voting EL parents' names in the order of the list and asked them to vote by voice: "yes" or "no" or their votes would not be recorded. He stated there were 5 EL parent/legal guardians present. He visibly tallied the votes and announced the following results. The **5** Yes and **0** No. The motion passed.

The EL Parents/Legal Guardians elected as members of the English Learner Advisory Committee for the 23-24 school year pending verification are: Bensua Gonzalez, Mario Guzman, Joanna Avila, Leonor Marron, and Veronica Campos.

**Election of Non-EL Members:** This section was completed during the

	<p>September 12, 2023 Election Meeting at 10:00 a.m. and the results were honored. Mr. Joel Najjar, TSP Coordinator, declared the floor open for nominations for the membership of non-EL parents:</p> <p>The following non-EL Parents self-nominated or were nominated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Diana Maya</li><li>2. Maria Iniguez</li><li>3. Perla E. Delgado</li><li>4. Isabel Mares</li><li>5. Laura Rodriguez</li><li>6. Cristina Del Real</li><li>7. Xiomara Cruz</li><li>8. Jose Rocha</li><li>9. Erika Barragan</li><li>10. Ciria Gonzalez</li><li>11. Jeannette Godina</li><li>12. Marlin Garcia</li></ol> <p>The electioneer asked three times if any other <b>non-EL parent</b> was interested in being an <b>English Learner Advisory Committee</b> member. Hearing none, he asked an EL parent/legal guardian to make a motion regarding the closing of nominations and accepting the nominees as candidates. He recognized Mr. Mario Guzman, Parent, who made the motion.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Mr. Mario Guzman, Parent, made the motion to close the nominations and accept the nominees as candidates. The electioneer repeated the motion and asked for a second.</p> <p>He recognized Ms. Bensua Goznalez, EL-Parent. Ms. Bensua Gonzalez, EL-Parent, seconded the motion to close the nominations and accept the nominees as candidates. The electioneer displayed the Excel sheet with the motion and explained what a "Yes" vote meant and what a "No" vote meant. He reviewed the list of EL parents/legal guardians in the room and asked if any EL parent's/legal guardian's name was missing. Seeing none, he called out each of the voting EL parents' names in the order of the list and asked them to vote out loud: "yes" or "no" or their votes would not be recorded. He/She stated there were <b>2</b> EL parents/legal guardians present. He visibly tallied the votes and announced the following results. 2 Yes and 0 No. The motion <b>passed</b>.</p> <p>The electioneer congratulated and presented the newly elected <b>non-EL parent members</b> to the participants and reminded them that they were seated provisionally pending verification.</p> <p>The newly elected ELAC members for the 23-24 school year, pending verification, are: Diana Maya, Maria Iniguez, Perla E. Delgado, Isabel Mares, Laura Rodriguez, Cristina Del Real, Xiomara Cruz, Jose Rocha, Erika Barragan, Ciria Gonzalez, Jeannette Godina, Marlin Garcia</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>	<p><b>Election of EL Delegate:</b></p> <p>Mr. Joel Najjar, TSP Coordinator, declared that only <b>ELAC members</b> can</p>

	<p>nominate and vote for the <b>EL Delegate</b>, and only <b>EL Parent/Legal Guardians</b> members of the committee can be nominated as <b>EL Delegate</b>. The floor was opened for nominations. The following <b>EL Parent/Legal</b> parent/legal guardians self-nominated or were nominated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Joanna Avila,nominated by Ms. Perla E. Delgado, but she declined the nomination.</li><li>2. Bensua Gonzalez, nominated by Mr. Mario Guzman, she accepted the nomination.</li></ol> <p>The electioneer asked three times if any other EL parent of the committee was interested in nominating him or herself, or if an ELAC member would like to nominate someone else. Hearing none, he asked an ELAC member to make a motion regarding the closing of nominations and accepting the nominees as candidates. He recognized Ms. Perla E. Delgado, Parent, who made motion.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Ms. Perla E. Delgado, Parent, made the motion to close the nominations and accept the nominees as candidates. The electioneer repeated the motion and asked for a second.</p> <p>He recognized Ms. Bensua Gonzalez, Parent. Ms. Bensua Gonzalez, seconded the motion to close the nomination and accept the nominees as candidates. The electioneer displayed the Excel sheet with the motion and explained what a "Yes" vote meant and what a "No" vote meant. He reviewed the list of <b>ELAC members</b> present in the room and asked if any ELAC member's name was missing. Seeing none, he called out each of the voting ELAC members' names in the order of the list and asked them to vote by voice: "yes" or "no" or their votes would not be recorded. He stated there were <b>16</b> ELAC members present. He visibly tallied the votes and announced the following results. 16 Yes and 0 No. The motion <b>passed</b>.</p> <p>Since the motion passed, and there was only one nominee for the position of <b>EL Delegate</b>, a vote by acclamation was cast by Mr. Mario Guzman, EL Parent. The candidate was congratulated as the <b>EL Delegate</b>, was reminded that she would be seated as <b>EL Delegate</b> provisionally pending verification.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>	<p><b>Election of Officers:</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson</b></p> <p>Mr. Joel Najjar, TSP Coordinator, electioneer declared that only ELAC <b>members</b> can nominate and vote for <b>Chairperson</b>, and only <b>EL Parent/Legal Guardians</b> members of the committee can be nominated as <b>Chairperson</b>. The floor was open for nominations. The following <b>EL Parent/Legal</b> parent/legal guardians self-nominated or were nominated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Bensua Gonzalez, was nomited by Diana Maya, she accepted the nomination.</li><li>2. Mario Guzman, was nominated by Xiomara Cruz, he declined the nomination</li><li>3. Joanna Avila was nominated by Leonor Marron, she declined the nomination.</li></ol> <p>The electioneer asked three times if any other EL parent of the</p>

committee was interested in nominating him or herself, or if an ELAC member would like to nominate someone else. Hearing none, he asked an ELAC member to make a motion regarding the closing of nominations and accepting the nominees as candidates. He recognized Mr. Mario Guzman, Parent.

**Motion:** Mr. Mario Guzman, Parent, made the motion to close the nominations and accept the nominees as candidates. The electioneer repeated the motion and asked for a second. He recognized Diana Maya, Parent.

Ms. Diana Maya, Parent, seconded the motion to close the nomination and accept the nominees as candidates. The electioneer displayed the Excel sheet with the motion and explained what a "Yes" vote meant and what a "No" vote meant. She reviewed the list of **ELAC members** present in the room and asked if any ELAC member's name was missing. Seeing none, he called out each of the voting ELAC members' names in the order of the list and asked them to vote by voice: "yes" or "no" or their votes would not be recorded. He stated there were 16 ELAC members present. She visibly tallied the votes and announced the following results. 16 Yes and 0 No. The motion **passed**.

Since the motion passed, and there was only one nominee for the position of ELAC Chairperson, a vote by acclamation was cast by Ms. Diana Maya. The candidate was congratulated as the new **ELAC Chairperson**, was reminded that she would be seated as Chairperson provisionally pending verification.

**Vice-Chairperson:**

Mr. Joel Najjar, TSP Coordinator, electioneer declared that only ELAC **members** can nominate and vote for the **Vice-Chairperson**, and only **EL parent/legal guardian** members of the committee can be nominated as the **Vice-Chairperson**. The floor was open for nominations. The following **EL parents/legal** parents/legal guardians self-nominated or were nominated:

1. Mario Guzman, was nominated by Bensua Gonzalez, he accepted the nomination

The electioneer asked three times if any other EL parent of the committee was interested in nominating him or herself, or if an ELAC member would like to nominate someone. Hearing none, he asked an ELAC member to make a motion regarding the closing of nominations and accepting the nominees as candidates. He recognized Perla E. Delgado, Parent, who made the motion.

Ms. Perla E. Delgado, Parent, made the motion to close the nominations and accept the nominees as candidates. The electioneer repeated the motion and asked for a second. He recognized Cristina Del Real.

Ms. Cristina Del Real, Parent, seconded the motion to close the nomination and accept the nominees as candidates. The electioneer displayed the Excel sheet with the motion and explained what a "Yes" vote meant and what a "No" vote meant. She reviewed the list of **ELAC members** present in the room and asked if any ELAC member's name was missing. Seeing none, he called out each of the voting ELAC members' names in the order of the list and asked them to vote by voice: "yes"

or "no" or their votes would not be recorded. She stated there were 16 ELAC members present. He visibly tallied the votes and announced the following results. 16 Yes and 0 No. The motion **passed**.

Since the motion passed, and there was only one nominee for the position of ELAC Vice-Chairperson, a vote by acclamation was cast by Ms. Bensua Gonzalez, Parent. The candidate was congratulated as the new ELAC **vice-chairperson**, was reminded that he would be seated as **vice-chairperson** provisionally pending verification.

**Secretary:**

Mr. Joel Najjar, TSP Coordinator, electioneer declared that only **ELAC members** can nominate and vote for **secretary** and that any ELAC member can be nominated for the position of **secretary**. The floor was open for nominations. The following **ELAC members** self-nominated or were nominated:

1. Joanna Avila, was nominated by Xiomara Cruz, she accepted the nomination.
2. Perla E. Delgado, was nominated by Mario Guzman, she accepted the nomination.

The electioneer asked three times if any other ELAC member was interested in nominating him or herself, or if an ELAC member would like to nominate someone else. Hearing none, he asked an ELAC member to make a motion regarding the closing of nominations and accepting the nominees as candidates. He recognized Diana Maya, Parent, who made the motion.

**Motion:** Ms. Diana Maya, Parent, made the motion to close the nominations and accept the nominees as candidates. The electioneer repeated the motion and asked for a second. He recognized Cristina Del Real, Parent.

Ms. Cristina Del Real, Parent, seconded the motion to close the nomination and accept the nominees as candidates. The electioneer displayed the Excel sheet with the motion and explained what a "Yes" vote meant and what a "No" vote meant. She reviewed the list of **ELAC members** present in the room and asked if any ELAC member's name was missing. Seeing none, he called out each of the voting ELAC members' names in the order of the list and asked them to vote by voice: "yes" or "no" or their votes would not be recorded. He stated there were 16 ELAC members present. He visibly tallied the votes and announced the following results. 16 Yes and 0 No. The motion **passed**.

Since more than one person was nominated for the position of **ELAC secretary**, the electioneer gave each candidate one (1) minute to state why they would like to be an ELAC secretary. He introduced them to the participants and reminded each ELAC member that they would be voting for one (1) candidate and that the candidate with the highest votes would be seated provisionally pending verification. The electioneer led a roll call vote. The vote results were as follows:

1. Joanna Avila, 8 votes)
2. Perla E. Delgado, 8 votes)

As there was a tie between the two candidates for Secretary, Mr. Joel Najjar, TSP Coordinator, held a Run-Off election between the following

candidates:

1. Joanna Avila, 7 votes)
2. Perla E. Delgado, 9 votes)

Ms. Perla E. Delgado, Parent, received the most votes and was elected as **ELAC secretary**. The electioneer congratulated Ms. Perla E. Delgado and reminded her that she would be seated provisionally pending verification.

**Parliamentarian:**

Mr. Joel Najjar, TSP Coordinator, electioneer declared that only **ELAC members** can nominate and vote for **parliamentarian** and that any **ELAC member** can be nominated for the position of **parliamentarian**. The floor was open for nominations. The following **ELAC members** self-nominated or were nominated:

1. Jose Rocha
2. Maria Iniguez was nominated by Cristian Del Real, she declined the nomination.
3. Diana Maya was nominated by Mario Guzman, she accepted the nomination.

The electioneer asked three times if any other ELAC member was interested in nominating him or herself, or if an ELAC member would like to nominate someone else. Hearing none, he asked an ELAC member to make a motion regarding the closing of nominations and accepting the nominees as candidates. He recognized Maria Iniguez, Parent, who made the motion.

**Motion:** Ms. Maria Iniguez, Parent, made the motion to close the nominations and accept the nominees as candidates. The electioneer repeated the motion and asked for a second. He recognized Cristina Del Real, Parent.

Ms. Cristina Del Real, Parent, seconded the motion to close the nomination and accept the nominees as candidates. The electioneer displayed the Excel sheet with the motion and explained what a "Yes" vote meant and what a "No" vote meant. He/She reviewed the list of **ELAC members** present in the room and asked if any ELAC member's name was missing. Seeing none, he called out each of the voting ELAC members' names in the order of the list and asked them to vote by voice: "yes" or "no" or their votes would not be recorded. He stated there were 16 ELAC members present. He visibly tallied the votes and announced the following results. 16 Yes and 0 No. The motion **passed**.

Since more than one person was nominated for the position of **ELAC parliamentarian**, the electioneer gave each candidate one (1) minute to state why they would like to be an **ELAC Parliamentarian**. He introduced them to the participants and reminded each ELAC member that they would be voting for one (1) candidate and that the candidate with the highest votes would be seated provisionally pending verification. The electioneer led a roll call vote. The vote results were as follows:

1. Jose Rocha, 7 votes
2. Diana Maya, 9 votes

	<p>Ms. Diana Maya, Parent, received the most votes and was elected as <b>ELAC parliamentarian</b>. The electioneer congratulated Ms. Diana Maya and reminded her that she would be seated provisionally pending verification.</p> <p>The electioneer presented the newly elected <b>ELAC officers</b> to the participants and reminded them that they were seated provisionally pending verification.</p> <p>Ms. Bensua Gonzalez, Chairperson  Mr. Mario Guzman, Vice-Chairperson  Ms. Perla E. Delgado, Secretary  Ms. Diana Maya, Parliamentarian</p> <p><b>The election process came to a close.</b></p>
<b>V.</b>	<p><b>Announcements:</b> Mr. Joel Najjar, TSP Coordinator, made the following announcements: Reminders about the meetings will be done via emails or written communication.</p>
<b>VI.</b>	<p><b>Adjournment:</b> Mr. Joel Najjar, TSP Coordinator, closed the meeting at 10:51 a.m. as per the agenda that was posted, using the district's template.</p>



