



# CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## SEPTEMBER 2004 AGENDA

<b>SUBJECT</b> English Learner Advisory Committee: Appointment of Members.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Action</b>
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	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Hearing</b>

### RECOMMENDATION

Appoint members of the English Learner Advisory Committee.

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### SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

On December 9, 1999, the State Board of Education (State Board) established the English Learner Advisory Committee. The role of the ELAC is to provide the State Board with information, guidance, and advice on issues related to English learners.

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### SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

The term of office for the ELAC members was initially set for three years. Each State Board member recommended an individual to serve on the ELAC, with the Board President appointing the committee chair. The full Board voted to appoint the members and to fill vacancies as they arose. Because the term of office of the initial ELAC members was not staggered, the terms of all ELAC members expired in December 2003.

In May 2004, the State Board revised the appointment process to allow for staggered terms of office and appointed five members. In July 2004, the State Board appointed two members. To have a full committee of 11 members, an additional four members need to be appointed. Once additional members are appointed, the Board President will determine the term of office, either two or three years, for the newly appointed members.

### Nominee for Appointment:

Linda Gonzales has been a bilingual teacher, principal, and district superintendent. In addition to her expertise in curriculum and instruction, she has experience in teaching English learners and implementing dropout prevention programs and parent education programs. She served as Chair of the ELAC for three years. She has also served on the board of the California Latino Superintendent Association.

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)**

The ELAC meets at the direction of the State Board, no more than three times a year. The ELAC members are not paid, but are reimbursed for travel expenses. Historically, travel expenses have been minimal.

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**ATTACHMENT**

Information on the additional nominees, if any, will be provided at the September 2004 meeting.