

BY-LAWS OF THE UTLA DEAF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

I. PURPOSE/MISSION OF THE COMMITTEE:

The UTLA *Deaf Education Committee strives to support quality and accessible education for Deaf students and foster collaboration among school staff to recognize and support Deaf students' cultural and linguistic diversity.

The purpose of this committee is to:

- Unify all Deaf education programs in LAUSD and UTLA members to implement best practices to improve Deaf students' educational outcomes.
- Review LAUSD's policies and bulletins relating to Deaf Education and services.
- Keep members abreast of current federal and state laws, assembly bills, research, resources, and professional developments related to Deaf Education.
- Provide information on Deaf community events, ASL classes, and educational opportunities.
- Discuss the commonalities of programs that educate and support Deaf students ages 0 to 22 to better advocate for language-rich and accessible education across various learning environments.
- Explore creating Deaf-centric spaces to address SEL, increased language access, and academic success.
- Examine historical bias, audism, ableism, etc., and the impacts on Deaf students' growth and development.
- Promote safe spaces for members and Deaf students in various educational settings.
- Encourage Deaf students to enter the teaching profession.
- Develop programs and strategies to promote the ongoing need for diversity within the Deaf student population in the city, state, and nation.
- Support UTLA by reviewing the UTLA/LAUSD contract and lobbying for needed changes to address the unique needs of educating and providing services to Deaf students.

II. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE:

UTLA Dues-Paying Members

All UTLA members are welcome, but to be recognized as a member of the Deaf Education Committee, one must attend a minimum of **three** meetings a year.

III. MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES OF THE COMMITTEE:

a. REGULAR MEETING DATES

We will hold a minimum of five meetings per year tentatively planned for Mondays at 5 or 5:30 PM.

b. NOTICES OF MEETINGS

Posted on UTLA Website Calendar & Virtual Bulletin Board

c. APPLICABLE RULES

The Order of Business shall follow Robert's Rules of Order when appropriate to make motions or debates.

d. QUORUM

- i. REGULAR MEETINGS: 5 members
- ii. SPECIAL MEETINGS: 5 members

e. MINUTES

- i. WHOSE DUTY
Secretary

ii. TRANSCRIPTION

Summaries of actionable items/motions / key decisions/attendance/vote tallies

IV. OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND THEIR DUTIES

Chair: Leads meetings, prepares agenda items, calls to order

Co-Chair: Collaborates with the Chairperson on agenda items

Secretary: Helps to prepare agenda with Chairperson, keeps members informed of events, postings, and transcribes meeting summary

Treasurer: Maintains budget and submits expense reports.

TBD: Parliamentarian: Applies “Roberts Rules of Order”

V. STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES

N/A

VI. STEERING COMMITTEE

TBD

**Deaf is an umbrella term encompassing identities that may change over time and place, including Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled, and Late-Deafened.*