

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 1, 2023  
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room, Los Angeles, CA 90017

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**AGENDA**

**I. Welcome and Introductions** ..... Mr. Scott M. Schmerelson  
Chairperson

**II. Committee Presentations**

1. World Down Syndrome Day and ..... Dr. James Koontz  
World Autism Month  
Coordinator  
Moderate/Severe Instruction and LRE Programs

2. Voices from the Field:

South Gate Senior High School Inclusion Work ..... Mr. Leo Gonzalez, Principal & Team

Widney Career Transition Center ..... Mr. Mike Terry, Principal & Team

**III. Public Comment**

**IV. Adjournment**

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