

INTRODUCTION TO VIRTUAL SPECIAL CATEGORY ELECTIONS

The Special Category Elections for itinerant groups has changed in the following ways:

1. Instead of mailing in the Special Category Election Form that was in the United Teacher, there is now a fillable Special Category form found on the UTLA web site.
2. The deadline for this form is 5 pm on Friday May 5th.
3. If there is more than one candidate, the UTLA Secretary will contact the candidates to discuss options in resolving the position.
4. If there are no candidates for citywide itinerant groups, positions will remain open until a self-nomination form is received.

Virtual Special Categories Election

Election of Chapter Chairs for special categories pursuant to Article IV, Sec. 8.3 of the UTLA/LAUSD contract, and the list of itinerant groups entitled to their own Shared Decision Making councils, shall be overseen by the UTLA Constitution Committee. All interested candidates with verified membership can fill out the self-nomination link for Itinerant Chapter Chair, Co-Chair (for categories with more than 80 UTLA members) by the deadline of May 8th.

Citywide Itinerant groups with Local District sub-divisions may elect a Vice-Chair for each sub-division. The self-nominating link for Chair shall include Co-Chair and Vice-Chair (if applicable). Per the UTLA 2019-22 Contract Agreement Article IV, Sec 8.3, a) The District shall recognize a Chapter Chair for the each local district, or similar governance structure, for each of the following: School Psychologists, PSA Counselors, Psychiatric Social Workers, Nurses, Speech & Language Pathologists, Occupational & Physical Therapists, and VAPA educators. b) The District shall recognize up to six (6) Chapter Chairs for Substitutes. c) The District shall recognize one (1) Chapter Chair District-wide for each of the other itinerant employment categories. This includes: Adapted PE, Audiometrists, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Educational Audiologists, Elementary Literacy Coaches, Non Public Schools, PH/PHH/LRE Counselors, Secondary Counselors, Visually Impaired and other bargaining units mentioned in Article 1, 1.0. d) UTLA shall annually provide written notification to the District Labor Relations Department identifying the bargaining unit members serving in itinerant and substitute Chapter Chair positions.

Members of these special categories who are assigned the majority of their workweek to one site are also eligible to be voters at that site. If they are assigned full time they are also eligible to be candidates for office at that site.

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