BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2025120006

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OF UNEXPEDITED DUE PROCESS HEARING

MARCH 20, 2026

On March 17, 2026, Los Angeles Unified School District filed a request to continue the unexpedited portion of due process hearing with the Office of Administrative Hearings, OAH. Specifically, Los Angeles requested that PHC be continued to April 10, 2026, and due process hearing commence on April 21, 2026. The undersigned heard the motion on March 17, 2026, during the expedited portion of due process hearing. Parent did not oppose the motion. The undesigned granted continuance during hearing on March 17, 2026, and the continuance order is effective as of that date.

Los Angeles contends that the currently scheduled dates, specifically, PHC on March 23, 2026, and due process hearing commencing on April 2, 2026, should be continued because of:

- One witness's unavailability due to travel on April 2, 2026;
- Los Angeles's spring recess from March 31, 2026, through April 3, 2026; and
- Religious holidays, like Passover and Good Friday, also occurring during Los Angeles's spring recess, that may impact witness availability.

A due process hearing must be conducted, and a decision rendered, within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3).) Speedy resolution of the due process hearing is mandated by law and continuance of the hearing may be granted only upon a showing of good cause. (Ed. Code, § 56505, subd. (f)(3).) In ruling upon a motion for continuance, OAH is guided by the provisions found within the Administrative Procedure Act and the California Rules of Court that concern motions to continue. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020; Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332.) Generally, continuances of matters are disfavored. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).)

Good cause exists to grant continuance, but not for the reasons provided by Los Angeles. Due process hearing in the expedited portion of the case is scheduled to continue through March 24, 2026. The ongoing expedited hearing is good cause to continue the non-expedited case.

The request is granted. The new dates are:

PREHEARING CONFERENCE will be held on April 10, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

DUE PROCESS HEARING will be held on April 21, 22, and 23, 2026.

The prehearing conference, and due process hearing will be held by videoconference or telephone, unless otherwise ordered. The due process hearing will begin at 9:30 AM on all days, and generally end at 3:30 PM, unless otherwise ordered. The hearing will continue day to day, as needed, Mondays and Fridays included, at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge. Prehearing conference statements and motions are due to OAH no later than three business days before the prehearing conference. Late motions will only be considered if good cause is established for the late filing.

The parties must immediately give potential witnesses the hearing dates, and must subpoena witnesses, if necessary, so they are available to testify. Failing to properly notify or subpoena a witness is not good cause to delay the hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Claire Yazigi

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Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings