

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
UPDATED AGENDA

OCTOBER 15, 2021

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
MEETING LOCATIONS

This meeting will be held virtually. All members will be sent an email with a link to attend the meeting. All members of the public wishing to attend, may do so using the following link to access the meeting by video conference or you can copy into your browser the Live Attendee Link URL below:

Link has expired.

Public comment may be made by using the "Q&A" feature of the live broadcast, which will be available to any participants viewing the Committee Meeting from the link provided above.

MISSION

The Advisory Committee is a committee composed of parents, attorneys, advocates, school employees and other stakeholders, the majority of whom are parents and advocates or attorneys for parents. The Advisory Committee provides non-binding recommendations regarding revisions to OAH's website, forms, documents, procedures and policies, as provided within the regulatory mandate establishing the Advisory Committee.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Explanation of meeting format
 - a. Microsoft Teams
 - b. Recording of Meeting
 - c. Public Comment
3. Overview of Advisory Committee meeting process
4. Introduction of Committee Members
5. Introduction of Interpreters
6. Introduction of OAH Staff in attendance
7. Introduction of New OAH Staff since last meeting
8. Application period for new Members – Discussion of Member terms
9. Expectations of Members
10. Open Meeting Act
11. Selection of Chair for Northern & Southern/Agenda Collector for June 2022 Meeting
12. Review of responses to June 2021 meeting recommendations

13. Update Regarding Virtual/In-person Hearings and Mediations: including whether virtual will be an option when OAH returns to in-person hearings/mediations (Item common to both Northern and Southern CA Committees)

Table 1 - Data from March 1, 2020 – September 2021

Mediation Only Cases Opened	208
Due Process Hearing Cases Opened	5962
Video Mediations Held, Started 3/23	2644
Telephonic/Video PHCs Held, Started 4/13	838
Video Hearings Held per case, Started 4/20	133
Video Hearings held total days, Started 4/20	619
CaseLines Opened, Started 5/25	765

14. PDF file name in OAH’s Circulated Decisions sent via listserve (Item from Northern CA Committee)

15. Status of contract with vendor to provide administrative records
- a. Expected timeline to receive an administrative record
 - b. Delays (Item from Northern CA Committee)

16. OAH Orders: (Item from Northern CA Committee)
- a. Direct access to specific orders
 - b. Criteria for determining which orders are on website

17. OAH Decision Search in Box (Item from Northern CA Committee)

18. OAH Advisory Committee Website (Item from Northern CA Committee)

19. OAH Panel: Request for names of OAH employees that accepted, rejected, and responded to OAH Responses to Advisory Committee recommendation (Item from Northern CA Committee)

20. Timeline for OAH Responses to Advisory Committee (Item from Northern CA Committee)

21. Propose alternatives to prevent law firms from misrepresenting to OAH that they have been properly authorized to file for due process on behalf of district (Item from Southern CA Committee)
22. Training for case managers (Item from Southern CA Committee)
23. Cost of filing for low-income families and those unable to retain a low or no-cost attorney, and improvements to Self-Help section of website (Item from Southern CA Committee)
24. Public Comments: Time is set aside for individuals desiring to speak on any topic not otherwise on the agenda. In all cases, the presiding officer reserves the right to impose time limits
25. Adjournment

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY

Pursuant to the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973* and the *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*, any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting may request assistance by emailing [SE Operations](mailto:SE Operations@OAHSEOps@dgs.ca.gov) at OAHSEOps@dgs.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 263-0880

If you have any questions about the meeting, please [email SE Operations](mailto:SE Operations@OAHSEOps@dgs.ca.gov) at OAHSEOps@dgs.ca.gov.