

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 16, 2020

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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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 by following this link:

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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. Selection of Chair for Northern & Southern/Agenda Collector for June 2021 Meeting
5. Introduction of Committee Members
6. Introduction of Interpreters
7. Introduction of OAH Staff in attendance
8. Introduction of New OAH Staff since last meeting
9. Application period for new Members – Discussion of Member terms
10. Expectations of Members
11. Open Meeting Act
12. Review of responses to June 2020 meeting recommendations

13. Timing of submission for Advisory Committee agenda items: OAH would like to change the dates for submission to May 15 for the June meeting and September 15 for the October meeting.
14. Timing and Format of Committee Review of Proposed Procedure Changes (Northern California Members)
15. Video-Conference Hearings and Mediations (OAH, Southern California Members, Northern California Members)
  - a. Data regarding video mediations and hearings
  - b. Future status of video hearings and mediations and in-person hearings and mediations.
  - c. Status report regarding Self-Help Centers
  - d. Procedures
    - i. Public access to hearings – current process and upcoming changes
    - ii. Witness Participation in video hearings
16. Mediation Process for Compliance Complaint Mediations (OAH, Southern California Members)
  - a. Overview of Process
  - b. Discussion of how parents are notified
  - c. Reinstatement of Complaint after mediation
17. Complaint process for issues regarding OAH or an Administrative Law Judge (Southern California Members)
  - a. Complaints when there is an active case for issues that arise in the case
  - b. Complaints after a case is concluded
  - c. General concerns or questions

18. OAH Prevailing Party Decision Statistics and Identification and Elimination of Bias (Southern California Members)
19. Application of ethical standards to professional witnesses (Southern California Members)
20. 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.
21. Adjournment

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