

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2014010026

ORDER GRANTING SECOND
REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE
[NO FURTHER] AND SETTING
PREHEARING CONFERENCE
HEARING

On May 12, 2014, the parties filed a second request to continue all dates. The reason given was that assessments agreed upon in settlement negotiations had not been completed, and were not expected to be completed until August of 2014.

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 for good cause. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a) & (c) (2006); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020.) As a result, continuances are disfavored. Good cause may include the unavailability of a party, counsel, or an essential witness due to death, illness or other excusable circumstances; substitution of an attorney when the substitution is required in the interests of justice; a party's excused inability to obtain essential testimony or other material evidence despite diligent efforts; or another significant, unanticipated change in the status of the case as a result of which the case is not ready for hearing. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).) OAH considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including the proximity of the hearing date; previous continuances or delays; the length of continuance requested; the availability of other means to address the problem giving rise to the request; prejudice to a party or witness as a result of a continuance; the impact of granting a continuance on other pending hearings; whether trial counsel is engaged in another trial; whether the parties have stipulated to a continuance; whether the interests of justice are served by the continuance; and any other relevant fact or circumstance. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(d).)

OAH has reviewed the request for good cause and considered all relevant facts and circumstances. The request is:

☒ Granted. All dates are vacated. However, no further continuances are contemplated for any reason, in particular that assessments had not been completed. The substantive issues in this case go back two years from the January filing date and otherwise involve IEP procedures. The parties will have been given more than ample time to settle by the time of the hearing dates set forth in this order. This matter will be set as follows:

Mediation:	N/A
Prehearing Conference:	August 18, 2014 at 1:00 PM
Due Process Hearing:	August 26-28, 2014 at 9:30 AM first day, 9:00 AM other days, and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: May 12, 2014

/s/

RICHARD T. BREEN
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings