

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2014040813

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
CONTINUANCE AND SETTING
PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND
HEARING

On May 28, 2014, the parties filed a request for a continuance on the ground that additional time was needed to finalize a settlement agreement. The parties asked that the prehearing conference be rescheduled, but did not agree to a hearing date. The motion is granted, but not to the dates requested.

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. This matter will be set as follows:

Mediation:	N/A
Prehearing Conference:	August 1, 2014 at 1:00 PM
Due Process Hearing:	August 11-14, 2014 at 1:30 PM 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.

[NOTE: OAH does not take hearing dates off calendar for any reason other than full and final settlement and requests for continuance will only be granted to a firm hearing date. OAH does not conduct prehearing conferences on Tuesdays as requested. Accordingly, the continuance was granted to dates selected by OAH that are consistent with the OAH scheduling guide, which is available on our website.]

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: May 28, 2014

/s/

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