

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF
EDUCATION AND PROBATION
DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF
RIVERSIDE.

OAH Case No. 2014041107

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
CONTINUANCE AND SETTING
MEDIATION, PREHEARING
CONFERENCE AND HEARING
DATES

On August 14, 2014, the parties filed a joint request to continue the prehearing conference and hearing dates in this matter due to the unavailability of Student's counsel for the current hearing date and the fact that the Riverside County Probation Department has new counsel who requires additional time to prepare for hearing. The parties are also requesting a mediation date. This is the second request for a continuance in this matter.

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).) The Office of Administrative Hearings 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, OAH is unable to accommodate the hearing dates requested by the parties. This matter will be set as follows:

Mediation:	August 27, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.
Prehearing Conference:	October 27, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.
Due Process Hearing:	November 4, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., November 5-6, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: August 14, 2014

/s/
THERESA RAVANDI
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings