

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

ACALANES UNION HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT

OAH Case No. 2015050201

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

On July 28, 2015, Acalanes Union High School District filed a request to continue the dates in this matter for a short time to allow for the parties to observe proposed classroom placements once school starts and to continue settlement discussions after the observations. Acalanes indicated that Student did not oppose the request for continuance, and Student did not file any response.

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. This matter will be set as follows:

Prehearing Conference:	September 21, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.
Due Process Hearing:	September 30, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., October 1, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., October 6, 2015, 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 4, 2015

/s/
MARGARET BROUSSARD
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings