

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH Case No. 2015080957

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

On September 30, 2015, the parties filed a joint request to continue the mediation, prehearing conference and hearing. This is the first continuance request since the complaint's filing on August 21, 2015.

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 continuance and considered all relevant facts and circumstances, including the parties' collaboration in agreeing upon continued dates. Good cause existing therefore, the request is granted.

All dates are vacated. This matter is continued as follows:

Mediation:

December 1, 2015, at 9:30 AM, at District's
offices, Tucker, Bungalow 24, 2221 Argonne
Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90815.

Prehearing Conference: February 1, 2016, at 3:00 PM.
Due Process Hearing: February 9, 10, and 11, 2016, at 9:30 AM the first day, and 9:00 AM each additional day, continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge. The hearing shall take place at District's offices, Tucker, Bungalow 24, 2221 Argonne Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90815.

NOTE: Since the parties requested a lengthy first continuance, no further continuances will be granted absent a showing of substantial good cause.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: October 01, 2015

/s/

CLIFFORD H. WOOSLEY
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings