

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

LAKEPORT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,

v.

PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2021070721

ORDER GRANTING LAKEPORT UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT'S PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE

SEPTEMBER 03, 2021

On September 3, 2021, Lakeport Unified School District filed a notice of peremptory challenge to Administrative Law Judge Paul Kamoroff in the above captioned matter. Lakeport Unified School District's peremptory challenge is made pursuant to Government Code section 11425.40, subdivision (d), of the Administrative Procedures Act, and California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 1034.

Government Code section 11425.40, subdivision (d), establishes the criteria for disqualification of the presiding officer. A party is entitled to one peremptory challenge (disqualification without cause) to an ALJ assigned to an Office of Administrative Hearings hearing. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subds. (a) & (b); Gov. Code, § 11425.40,

subd. (d).) In no event will a peremptory challenge be allowed if it is made after the hearing has commenced. In addition, if at the time of a scheduled prehearing conference, an ALJ has been assigned to the hearing, any challenge to the assigned ALJ shall be made no later than commencement of that prehearing conference. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subd. (c).) A peremptory challenge is not allowed on reconsideration or remand. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subd. (a).)

Lakeport Unified School District's peremptory challenge is timely made and is granted pursuant to Government section 11425.40, subdivisions (a) and (d), and California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 1034, subdivision (c).

ORDER

1. Lakeport Unified School District's challenge of ALJ Kamoroff is granted.
Matter is now assigned to ALJ Penelope Pahl.
2. All dates previously set in this matter will remain on calendar, except that the Prehearing Conference will be at 1:00 PM.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Peter Paul Castillo

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Presiding Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings