

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:
PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

RAMONA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2026020193

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR VIDEOCONFERENCE
MEDIATION AND CONTINUANCE OF DUE PROCESS
HEARING

JUNE 10, 2026

On February 2, 2026, Student filed a request for due process hearing, called a complaint, with the Office of Administrative Hearings, called OAH, naming Ramona Unified School District. On March 12, 2026, OAH granted the parties' joint request for a mediation and continuance of the hearing. OAH set the mediation for May 4, 2026, and continued the hearing to commence on June 23, 2026. On April 30, 2026, Student canceled the mediation.

On June 10, 2026, the parties jointly filed a second request to schedule a mediation and continue the hearing. Student explained that she canceled the first

scheduled mediation because the family was dealing with a difficult medical situation involving her grandmother and could not participate in mediation. The parties wish to have an opportunity to mediate the matter. The parties request that mediation be set on June 24, 2026.

The parties request a second continuance of the hearing so that they may mediate prior to a hearing. The parties request that the prehearing conference be scheduled on August 3, 2026, and the hearing be scheduled on August 11, 12, and 13, 2026, as the parties' first available dates. Ramona's counsel will be unavailable from June 29, through July 6, 2026, and July 13, through July 24, 2026, due to prearranged, prepaid trips. Ramona's district representative will be unavailable from July 9, through July 19, 2026, due to a prearranged, prepaid travel plan. As a result, Ramona's counsel will have limited availability in July to meet and confer with Student's counsel and prepare for hearing. Moreover, Ramona will not have a district representative available to attend a hearing on its behalf from July 9, through July 19, 2026.

OAH must conduct a due process hearing and render a decision within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3).) Speedy resolution of the due process hearing is mandated by law and continuance of the hearing may be granted only upon a showing of good cause. (Ed. Code, § 56505, subd. (f)(3).) In ruling upon a motion for continuance, OAH is guided by the provisions found within the Administrative Procedure Act and the California Rules of Court that concern motions to continue. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020; Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332.) Generally, continuances of matters are disfavored. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).)

The parties established good cause to continue the due process hearing based on the parties' desire to mediate, Ramona's counsel's unavailability, and Ramona's district representative's unavailability.

The request is granted. All previously scheduled dates are vacated. The new dates are:

MEDIATION will be held on June 24, 2026, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE will be held on August 3, 2026, at 1:00 PM.

DUE PROCESS HEARING will be held on August 11, 12, and 13, 2026.

The mediation, prehearing conference, and due process hearing will be held by videoconference or telephone, unless otherwise ordered. The due process hearing will begin at 9:30 AM on all days, and generally end at 3:30 PM, unless otherwise ordered. The hearing will continue day to day, as needed, Mondays and Fridays included, at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge. Prehearing conference statements and motions are due to OAH no later than three business days before the prehearing conference. Late motions will only be considered if good cause is established for the late filing.

The parties must immediately give potential witnesses the hearing dates, and must subpoena witnesses, if necessary, so they are available to testify. Failing to properly notify or subpoena a witness is not good cause to delay the hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanie Min".

Jeanie Min

Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings