

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:
PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2026040056

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE AND
SETTING MEDIATION

AUGUST 5, 2026

On March 27, 2026, Student filed a request for due process hearing, called a complaint, with the Office of Administrative Hearings, called OAH, naming Los Angeles Unified School District. On July 2, 2026, OAH granted Student's motion to amend the complaint and issued a new Scheduling Order. OAH set the prehearing conference on August 7, 2026, and the due process hearing on August 18, 19, and 20, 2026.

On July 31, 2026, Student filed a request for a continuance of the hearing. Student contends the hearing should be continued so that the parties may mediate the amended complaint. On June 4, 2026, Student's IEP team met to review the results of an independent psychoeducational evaluation. The IEP team determined Student

needed a new placement, but did not decide on a placement by the end of the meeting. The IEP team scheduled the next meeting on August 19, 2026, to determine Student's placement. Student represented that the parties have been unable to engage in meaningful settlement negotiations so far as Student's placement was still undetermined. On July 27, 2026, the parties met and conferred on a mutually agreeable mediation date, September 16, 2026. Student requests that mediation be set on September 16, 2026, and the hearing be continued to September 29, and 30, and October 1, 2026. On August 4, 2026, Los Angeles filed a statement of non-opposition to Student's motion.

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).)

Student established good cause to continue the due process hearing based on the parties' desire to mediate the amended complaint. The request is granted. All previously scheduled dates are vacated. The new dates are:

MEDIATION DATE is on September 16, 2026, 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

MEDIATION will occur via videoconference or telephone.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE will be held on September 18, 2026, at 3:00 PM.

DUE PROCESS HEARING will be held on September 29, 30, and October 1, 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, 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