BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,

v.

PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2025100593

ORDER OF RECUSAL

FEBRUARY 12, 2026

On February 11, 2026, Administrative Law Judge, or ALJ, Claire Yazigi, called hearing to order. Upon convening the parties for hearing, the undersigned ALJ discovered that she had served as mediator in a separate "mediation only" case involving the same parties and same issue set for the present hearing. On the ALJ's own accord, the undersigned recused herself from hearing this case.

All communications, negotiations, or settlement discussions by and between participants during a mediation or a mediation consultation shall remain confidential. (Evid. Code, §1119, subd. (c).) The Office of Administrative Hearings, or OAH, has interpreted this to mean that an ALJ that serves as a mediator may not serve as the hearing judge in the same case. [https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OAH/Case-Types/Special-Education/Self-Help/The-Mediation-Process-Including-Virtual-Mediations].

While the mediation only case was different than the present case, the subject matter of confidential settlement discussions overlap with the issue set for the present hearing. Good cause exists for the recusal of ALJ Claire Yazigi from this case.

ORDER

1. ALJ Claire Yazigi is recused from this case.

2. OAH will assign a new ALJ. The hearing will commence on February 12, 2026, at 9:30 AM.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Claire Yazigi

Claire Yazigi
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings