BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE CONSOLIDATED MATTERS INVOLVING:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

TRAVIS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,

OAH CASE NUMBER 2022120744

OAH CASE NUMBER 2022070352

ORDER GRANTING DISTRICT'S PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE

March 9, 2023

On March 9, 2023, Travis Unified School District filed a notice of peremptory challenge to Administrative Law Judge T. Ravandi in the above captioned matter. The 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).)

The 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). The matter is reassigned to ALJ L. Gorsline.

ORDER

1. District's challenge of ALJ T. Ravandi is granted.
2. All dates previously set in this matter will remain on calendar.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Margaret Gibson

Margaret Gibson
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings