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 GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE BUT NOT FOR THE LENGTH OF TIME REQUESTED

JANUARY 26, 2026

On January 23, 2026, Glendale Unified School District filed a request to continue the due process hearing with the Office of Administrative Hearings, OAH. This matter is scheduled for hearing beginning January 27, 2026. Glendale and its counsel are engaged in an ongoing expedited due process hearing in another case before OAH and have been ordered to appear in that matter on January 26, and 27, 2026, and day to day until it is completed. Glendale's counsel avers she informed Parents of this conflict on January 23, 2026. Glendale requests a continuance to February 17, through 19, 2026, and indicates Parents are available for the requested continuance dates.

OAH must conduct a due process hearing and issue a decision within 45 days of receiving the due process complaint, unless an extension is granted. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3).) Resolving the due process hearing quickly is legally required. Hearings may only be continued if "good cause" is established. (Ed. Code, § 56505, subd. (f)(3).) OAH is guided by the Administrative Procedure Act and the California Rules of Court when ruling on continuance motions. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020; Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332.)

Good cause to continue a hearing may include:

- An essential lay or expert witness is unavailable because of death, illness, or other excusable circumstances;
- A party is unavailable because of death, illness, or other excusable circumstances;
- A party's attorney is unavailable because of death, illness, or other excusable circumstances;
- A new attorney substitutes in, but only if the party establishes that the substitution is required in the interests of justice;
- A new party is added, and the new party has not had a reasonable opportunity to prepare for trial, or other parties have not had a reasonable opportunity to prepare for trial regarding the new party's involvement;
- A party is unable to obtain essential testimony, documents, or other material evidence despite diligent efforts; or
- The case has a significant and unexpected change which makes the case not ready for trial.

Generally, continuances are disfavored. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).)

Glendale established good cause to continue the due process hearing based on its conflicting hearing schedule. However, Glendale has not established good cause for the length of time requested.

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

DUE PROCESS HEARING will be held on February 3, 4, and 5, 2026. 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.

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.

Theresa Ravandi

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Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings