BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

PACIFICA SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2025030769

ORDER OF DISQUALIFICATION

MAY 16, 2025

On May 14, 2025, the Office of Administrative Hearing assigned Administrative Law Judge Cynthia Fritz to the due process hearing for this matter, scheduled for May 20, 2025. Administrative Law Judge is called ALJ.

California Code of Civil Procedure section 170.1, subdivision (a)(6)(A) mandates that a judge shall be disqualified if for any reason:

(i) The judge believes his or her recusal would further the interests of justice.

(ii) The judge believes there is a substantial doubt as to his or her capacity to be impartial.

(iii) A person aware of the facts might reasonably entertain a doubt that the judge would be able to be impartial.

ALJ Cynthia Fritz believes her recusal would further the interests of justice and that a person aware of the facts might reasonably entertain a doubt that ALJ Fritz would be able to be impartial. Specifically, ALJ Fritz regularly works with Pacifica's counsel in a group within the State Bar of California. However, because Pacifica's counsel serves as the chair, this relationship might reasonably create doubt in the minds of others regarding impartiality. Accordingly, ALJ Fritz recuses herself from the due process hearing in this matter.

IT S SO ORDERED

Cynthia Fritz

Cynthia Fritz
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings