

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE KEEGAN
ACADEMY.

OAH CASE NO. 2012080512

ORDER GRANTING PEREMPTORY
CHALLENGE

On October 5, 2012, counsel for the Temecula Valley Unified School District and the Keegan Academy filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) a peremptory challenge seeking to disqualify Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Paul Kamoroff from hearing this case.

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 (OAH) hearing. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subs. (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, and cannot be made after a hearing has begun. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subd. (a).)

The District's 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).

ORDER

1. The peremptory challenge brought by Temecula Valley Unified School District and the Keegan Academy of ALJ Paul Kamoroff is granted.

2. All dates previously set in this matter will remain on calendar. ALJ Adrienne Krikorian will convene the scheduled prehearing conference. ALJ Darrell Lepkowsky is assigned as the hearing judge in the matter.

Dated: October 05, 2012

/s/

TIMOTHY L. NEWLOVE
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings