

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2013060065

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
SECOND CONTINUANCE AND
SETTING MED/PHC/HRG

On May 30, 2013, Student filed a request for due process, naming Victor Valley Union High School District (VVUHSD) and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) as respondents. The matter was continued on July 16, 2103. On July 25, 2013, Student substituted in new counsel. On September 25, 2013, Student dismissed VVUHSD. On October 8, 2013, Student filed a request to continue the dates in this matter, based upon a personal family emergency matter. On October 8, 2013, LAUSD filed a non-opposition. Based thereon, the continuance is granted.

A due process hearing must be conducted and a decision rendered within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted for good cause. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a) & (c) (2006); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020.) As a result, continuances are disfavored. Good cause may include the unavailability of a party, counsel, or an essential witness due to death, illness or other excusable circumstances; substitution of an attorney when the substitution is required in the interests of justice; a party's excused inability to obtain essential testimony or other material evidence despite diligent efforts; or another significant, unanticipated change in the status of the case as a result of which the case is not ready for hearing. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).) OAH considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including the proximity of the hearing date; previous continuances or delays; the length of continuance requested; the availability of other means to address the problem giving rise to the request; prejudice to a party or witness as a result of a continuance; the impact of granting a continuance on other pending hearings; whether trial counsel is engaged in another trial; whether the parties have stipulated to a continuance; whether the interests of justice are served by the continuance; and any other relevant fact or circumstance. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(d).)

OAH has reviewed the request for good cause and considered all relevant facts and circumstances. The request is:

Granted. All dates are vacated. No further continuance requests are contemplated, given the age of this matter.

Mediation: November 19, 2013 at 9:00 AM
Prehearing Conference: December 6, 2013 at 1:00 PM
Due Process Hearing: December 17, 18 and 19, 2013 at 9:30 AM, and
continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday,
as needed at the discretion of the Administrative
Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 09, 2013

/s/

JUNE R. LEHRMAN
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings