

BEFORE THE  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Consolidated Matters of:  PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,  v.  ALHAMBRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,	OAH CASE NO. 2014100512
ALHAMBRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,  v.  PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT.	OAH CASE NO. 2014090795  ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE AND SETTING MEDIATION, PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND HEARING

On January 8, 2015, the parties filed a request to continue the hearing for approximately 60 days on the ground that District had recently substituted counsel due to circumstances beyond its control.

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. Further continuances are not contemplated given the original filing dates of these consolidated cases. This matter will be set as follows:

Mediation:	February 12, 2015 at 9:30 AM
Prehearing Conference:	March 9, 2015 at 1:00 PM
Due Process Hearing:	March 17-18, 2015 at 9:30 AM first day, 9:00 AM other days, and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: January 08, 2015

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RICHARD T. BREEN  
Presiding Administrative Law Judge  
Office of Administrative Hearings