

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

FRANKLIN MCKINLEY SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2013040659

ORDER GRANTING CONTINUANCE
AND SETTING PREHEARING
CONFERENCE AND DUE PROCESS
HEARING

On August 8, 2013, the parties informed the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) that they had reached a settlement in this matter and requested that dates in this matter be vacated. However, the parties do not yet have a signed settlement agreement. Therefore, OAH cannot vacate dates, however, the parties' notice can be considered as a request to continue the current prehearing conference and due process hearing.

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. This matter will be set as follows:

Prehearing Conference: August 26, 2013, at 10:00 AM
Due Process Hearing: September 4, 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: August 12, 2013

/s/

BOB N. VARMA
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings