



## California Online Public Schools

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## Minutes

### California Online Public Schools (CalOPS) Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday November 12, 2024 at 4:00 PM

#### Location

**CalOPS NorCal:** 580 N. Wilma Avenue, Suite G, Ripon, CA 95366

**CalOPS SoCal:** 33272 Valle Road, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

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### **Directors Present**

A. Pulsipher (remote), D. Rivas (remote), E. Wickliffe (remote), J. Stockdale (remote), M. Henjum (remote), P. Pulsipher (remote)

### **Directors Absent**

E. Pavlich

### **Guests Present**

A. Larsen (remote), B. Jamero, D. Hertzler, E. McGahey, H. Tamayo (remote), Hannah Hurley (remote), J. Colombero, J. Sitomer (remote), Jen Brunner (remote), K. Eng (remote), L. Carter (remote), L. Dombek (remote), Leeann Hernandez (remote), M. Brockway (remote), M. White (remote), P. Wenker (remote), R. Dreifus, R. Romero (remote), R. Savage (remote), S. Ford (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

D. Rivas called a meeting of the board of directors of California Online Public Schools to order on Tuesday Nov 12, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

### **B. Roll Call**

#### **CalOPS Staff**

Ashley Larsen - Administrative Assistant

Bernie Jamero - Assistant Director of Finance - NorCal Office

Dan Hertzler - Director of Operations - SoCal Office

Eva McGahey - Administrative Assistant - SoCal Office

Hannah Hurley - Elementary School Assistant Principal

Heather Tamayo - Middle School Principal

Jen Brunner - High School Assistant Principal

Julie Colombero - Director of California Family Outreach

LaChelle Carter - Director of Financial Services

Leeann Hernandez - High School Assistant Principal

Leslie Dombek - Director of Educational Services

Marcus White - Elementary School Principal

Matt Brockway - High School Principal

Phil Wenker - Director of Student Services

Richard Savage - Superintendent

Richie Romero - Deputy Superintendent

Ryan Dreifus - Assistant Director of Human Resources - SoCal Office

Stephen Ford - Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

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**Contracted Staff**

Jason Sitomer - Charter Impact Managing Director

Kate Eng - Charter Impact Director of Client Finance

**C. Approval of Agenda**

M. Henjum made a motion to approve the agenda.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

P. Pulsipher Aye

D. Rivas Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

M. Henjum Aye

E. Pavlich Absent

A. Pulsipher Aye

J. Stockdale Aye

**II. Public Comment**

**A. Public Comment**

The Board welcomes participation by the members of the public telephonically. To address an item on the agenda, before the scheduled start of the meeting, an individual must write their name and a short description of the agenda item on which they wish to comment on the card provided and submit this to the Chair, along with any materials they want to have distributed to Board. Individuals who wish to address the Board telephonically must contact the School Leader by phone or by email at least twenty four (24) hours before the scheduled start of the Board meeting. If the individual wants to provide any written materials to the Board, these should be emailed to the School Leader at least twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled start of the meeting.

The total time for any individual to present, either in person or via telephone, on an item on the agenda shall not exceed three (3) minutes, or six (6) minutes if the individual requesting to comment is a non English speaker and requires a translator, unless the Board grants additional time. However, in compliance with Board policy and the Brown Act, the Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on non-agenda items.

Individuals desiring to make a formal presentation to the Board on an item not on the agenda but desiring it be placed on the agenda must provide notice and written submissions detailing the subject of the presentation to the School Leader at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. Any such presentations shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes in duration, unless otherwise permitted by the Chair.

To view the Board Public Comment Policy, visit the CalOPS Governance Page at <https://californiaops.org/governance/>

**III. Oral Reports**

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**A. Superintendent's Report**

R. Savage updated the board on CalOPS's current enrollment at 7315 students. This is due to identification and remediation of various points on multiple fronts. He offered updates on the school in general and noted the progress being made as the transition continues. School staff have been reminded of the fact that this transition is still in progress and will likely be through 2025.

R. Romero presented on the SoCal 20th anniversary event, noting the successful turnout and positive interaction with the public. CalOPS received two decrees, one from Catherine Blakespear's office and one from Laurie Davies' office.

**B. Principals' Report (attached)**

M. White provided updates on the Elementary School level. Staff are tackling the new systems and learning how to best utilize the resources at hand. Highlights included high attendance numbers in LiveClasses, the great collaboration within the team, and excellent customer service provided by teachers.

H. Tamayo provided updates on the Middle School level. Highlights included the hard work being put in by the team as a whole and preparations for the first interim testing. Additionally, utilizing data to best support students moving forward.

M. Brockway provided updates on the High School level. He offered an extra shout-out to Project Success and the 24 students who had successfully received their high school diplomas through this program. Teachers have continued to work hard at learning the new systems, curriculum, and processes.

D. Rivas offered her appreciation to the principals, superintendents, and all staff for their hard work and commitment to CalOPS families.

**C. Charter Impact Financial Report for CalOPS**

J. Sitomer presented in place of K. Eng. He updated the board on CalOPS finances. This report under projected on the enrollment count at 7000 students, and schools finances are still healthy with that conservative estimate.

Highlights:

- Attendance: Flat to prior month
- Revenue: +\$125K, driven by Title IV (\$100K) and PY adjustments (+\$30K)
- Expenses:+\$480K, driven by retirement plan adjustment
- Surplus: \$8.9M total (-\$350K driven by retirement plan.Will not close the year at this level due to spending requirements)
- Ending Fund balance: \$22M

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- Cash: \$26M as of 9/30

**D. Policy, Compliance, and State Accountability Report**

D. Hertzler provided his legislative update and noted that nothing is yet decided. Democrats remaining the majority in the House and Senate is consistent, and any changes in policy cannot be predicted. CalOPS will continue to monitor this moving forward and providing updates to the board.

D. Hertzler noted that the majority of the board preferred asynchronous training. There will be 3 separate required trainings, one of which will be due December 1, 2024 (Brown Act) and the other two will be due February 1, 2025 (Ethics and Financial Oversight).

**IV. Consent Items**

- A. Approval of Minutes from the October 08, 2024 CalOPS Board Meeting (attached)**
- B. Ratification of Special Education Service Contracts (attached)**
- C. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)**
- D. Approval of Expenditures over \$20k (attached)**
- E. Approval of Check Registry**
- F. Approval of Independent Contractor Agreements (attached)**
- G. Approval of 2024-25 CalOPS Annual Notification Packet (attached)**
- H. Approval of Updated Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) (attached)**
- I. Approval of Updated Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) Annual Notification (attached)**
- J. Approval of Updated Education for Homeless Children and Youth Policy (attached)**
- K. Approval of Updated Education of Foster and Mobile Youth (attached)**

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Consent Agenda, Items A-K.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

- D. Rivas Aye
- P. Pulsipher Aye
- A. Pulsipher Aye
- J. Stockdale Aye

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**Roll Call**

E. Pavlich Absent  
M. Henjum Aye  
E. Wickliffe Aye

**V. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

M. Henjum made a motion to adjourn and confirm.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

E. Wickliffe Aye  
P. Pulsipher Aye  
D. Rivas Aye  
M. Henjum Aye  
J. Stockdale Aye  
A. Pulsipher Aye  
E. Pavlich Absent

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
D. Rivas