



## California Online Public Schools

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## Minutes

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

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#### **Date and Time**

Tuesday February 11, 2025 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

1201 Cara Road, Dinuba, CA 93618

32946 Calle San Marcos, San Juan Capistrano, 92675

3753 W. Norberry Street, Lancaster, CA 93536

9423 Reseda Blvd. Apt #230, Northridge, CA 91324

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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**

None

**Guests Present**

A. Larsen (remote), B. Jamero, D. Hertzler, Doreen Stringer (remote), E. McGahey, H. Tamayo (remote), J. Colombero, J. Sitomer (remote), Katie Plowman (remote), L. Carter (remote), L. Dombek (remote), M. Brockway (remote), M. White (remote), P. Wenker (remote), R. Dreifus (remote), R. Romero (remote), R. Savage (remote), S. Ford (remote)

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Roll Call**

**CalOPS Staff**

Ashley Larsen - Administrative Assistant  
Bernie Jamero - Assistant Director of Financial Services - NorCal Office  
Dan Hertzler - Director of Operations - SoCal Office  
Eva McGahey - Administrative Assistant - SoCal Office  
Heather Tamayo - Middle School Principal  
Julie Colombero - Assistant Director of Operations, Family Relations - SoCal Office  
LaChelle Carter - Director of Finance  
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  
Stephen Ford - Assistant Superintendent  
Doreen Stringer - High School Teacher  
Katie Plowman - Elementary Teacher

**Contracted Staff**

Jason Sitomer - Charter Impact Managing Director

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

D. Rivas called a meeting of the board of directors of California Online Public Schools to order on Tuesday Feb 11, 2025 at 4:05 PM.

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**C. Approval of Agenda**

J. Stockdale made a motion to approve the CalOPS Board Meeting Agenda.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

P. Pulsipher Aye

M. Henjum Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

A. Pulsipher Aye

D. Rivas Aye

J. Stockdale Aye

**II. Public Comment**

**A. Public Comment**

The Board welcomes participation by the members of the public both in person and telephonically. For anyone attending this meeting in person at one of the District Office locations, the desire to address the Board should be submitted prior to the meeting to either the Board Chair or staff member present. 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. To view the Board Public Comment Policy, visit the CalOPS Governance Page at [californiaops.org/governance](http://californiaops.org/governance).

Seeing as how we have not received any requests for comment and there are no members of the public present in our administrative offices, we will move on with our agenda at this time.

**III. Oral Reports**

**A. Superintendent's Report**

R. Savage provided an oral report on CalOPS, he informed the board that the Fall semester wrapped up well. There had been positive feedback from families. He also provided updates on sponsoring districts. He noted that CalOPS NorCal's authorizing district, Ripon USD, announced that their Superintendent Z Robeson was retiring. Lastly, he updated the board on enrollment numbers for the six charters, just above 8200 students.

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

M White provided updates on the Elementary School Team. His comments were positive and thankful to his strong team in supporting their students. iReady diagnostic was also being wrapped up with positive preliminary results.

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H Tamayo provided updates on the Middle School Team. She informed that iReady and interims were being rolled out, and the middle school team aimed to beat first semester participation. Curriculum was being reviewed to ensure the best fit for the school and students.

M Brockway provided updates on the High School Team. He mentioned the hard work put in at the high school level completing and auditing students' grades and transcripts.

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

J. Sitomer presented in place of K. Eng. He noted that next month's meeting would include the Second Interims for reports and the month after would have the planned budget for 2025-26.

He also mentioned the decreased proposed LCFF COLA at 2.4%. He noted that this would still result in an increase in ADA from the 24/25 SY.

**D. Policy, Compliance, and Legislative Updates**

D. Hertzler informed the board that there has been continued work on revisions to CalOPS Board Policies to ensure they align with the newly revised Board Bylaws. Also, some ongoing work to refine compliance processes with legal and auditors.

Legislative updates had not yet solidified, but will continue to be monitored. So far there had been ~700 new bills proposed, AB 84 will be one to watch as it could affect the funding for non-classroom based schools.

**IV. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes from the December 10, 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 Updated Resolution of the Board of Directors to Authorize Enrollment Limits (attached)**

**G. Approval of 2025-26 CalOPS Calendars (attached)**

**H.**

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**Adoption of Independent Educational Evaluations (IEE) Policy (attached)**

**I. Approval of Cell Phone Stipend**

**J. Approval of Associated Banking Resolutions**

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

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Stockdale Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

D. Rivas Aye

A. Pulsipher Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

M. Henjum Aye

**V. Action Items**

**A. Nomination and Vote of Board Chair**

D. Hertzler introduced this item as necessary with the departure of the previous CalOPS Board Chair at the December 2024 meeting. He called for the board to nominate any candidates that would be fit to fill the role through the end of the 24-25 school year and proceed to vote in said nominee as Board Chair.

A. Pulsipher made a motion to approve James Stockdale as the CalOPS Board Chair for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Henjum Aye

J. Stockdale Abstain

A. Pulsipher Aye

D. Rivas Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

**B. Approval of School Safety Plan (attached)**

J. Stockdale made a motion to approve Action Item B, the School Safety Plan.

M. Henjum seconded the motion.

D. Hertzler informed the board on the annual requirement to review the SSP.

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

**Roll Call**

D. Rivas Aye

M. Henjum Aye

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**Roll Call**

A. Pulsipher Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

J. Stockdale Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

**C. Approval of LCAP Mid Year Update (attached)**

J. Stockdale made a motion to approve Action Item C, the LCAP Mid Year Update.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

L. Dombek presented updates regarding the LCAP goals at the mid year point.

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

**Roll Call**

D. Rivas Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

M. Henjum Aye

A. Pulsipher Aye

J. Stockdale Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

**VI. Information Items**

**A. New Banking Service (attached)**

L. Carter presented the board with new banking vendor options. The current bank utilized by CalOPS had not provided satisfactory communication and service, which led to a search for new options. CalOPS met with a few different banks, once a decision is made, the change would occur over several months rather than immediately.

J. Stockdale inquired about whether the change would affect employees with direct deposit. L. Carter answered that this information is housed with a separate payroll provider and should allow for a seamless transition. R. Romero thanked him for the question and noted that it will be confirmed in upcoming discussions before a decision is made.

**VII. Training**

**A. Board of Directors Financial Training**

J. Sitomer provided a training specific to Charter School Finance for the CalOPS Board of Directors. Key topics included:

1. Funding Basics
2. Critical Budget Drivers
3. Best Practices
4. Budget Process

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- 5. Funding Determination
- 6. Test Case and Q & A

**VIII. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

J. Stockdale made a motion to adjourn this meeting and confirm the next CalOPS Board Meeting on March 11, 2025.

A. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Pulsipher Aye

J. Stockdale Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

D. Rivas Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

M. Henjum Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Rivas