



California Online Public Schools

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Minutes

California Online Public Schools (CalOPS) Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday April 8, 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

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Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

M. Henjum

Guests Present

A. Larsen, D. Hertzler, Doreen Stringer (remote), E. McGahey, H. Tamayo, Hannah Hurley (remote), J. Colombero (remote), J. Condon, J. Sitomer (remote), K. Eng (remote), L. Carter, L. Dombek, M. Brockway, M. White, R. Romero (remote), R. Savage, S. Ford

I. Opening Items

A. Roll Call

CalOPS Staff

Ashley Larsen - Administrative Assistant - SoCal Office
Dan Hertzler - Director of Operations - SoCal Office
Doreen Stringer - High School Teacher
Eva McGahey - Administrative Assistant - SoCal Office
Hannah Hurley - Elementary School Assistant Principal
Heather Tamayo - Middle School Principal - SoCal Office
Jessica Condon - Assistant Director of Finance - NorCal Office
Julie Colombero - Assistant Director of Operations, Family Relations
LaChelle Carter - Director of Finance - SoCal Office
Leslie Dombek - Director of Educational Services - SoCal Office
Marcus White - Elementary School Principal - SoCal Office
Matt Brockway - High School Principal - SoCal Office
Richard Savage - Superintendent - SoCal Office
Richie Romero - Deputy Superintendent
Stephen Ford - Assistant Superintendent - SoCal Office

Contracted Staff

Jason Sitomer - Charter Impact Managing Director
Kate Eng - Charter Impact Director of Client Finance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Stockdale called a meeting of the board of directors of California Online Public Schools to order on Tuesday Apr 8, 2025 at 4:05 PM.

C. Approval of Agenda

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E. Wickliffe made a motion to approve the CalOPS Board Meeting Agenda.

A. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

A. Pulsipher Aye

M. Henjum Absent

J. Stockdale Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

D. Rivas 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 the 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.

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No requests for public comment were submitted in advance. No member of the public was present in person.

III. Oral Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

R. Savage notified the board of the tragic loss of CalOPS Director of Student Services, P. Wenker. R. Romero will be stepping into the role for the remainder of the school year.

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Regarding General School Updates, CalOPS is currently having the annual SPuDs retreat at the SoCal office. Enrollment has closed for the current school year, only exceptions with superintendent approval can now enroll for 2024-25.

The annual oversight visit with Ripon USD went very well. There was an issue with the CDE regarding the NorCal Charter Renewal, but that issue has been resolved by submitting a new petition which will extend the renewal an additional year through 2030. There was a temporary issue with the Monterey Bay renewal with CDE, but this was quickly resolved and the renewal stands through 2029.

CCSA Conference was positive this year. Opportunities were there to strengthen relationships with vendors.

B. Principals' Report (attached)

M. Brockway offered updates at the High School level. Team is focused on state testing. Summer school and graduation have both been a focus for Assistant Principals.

H. Tamayo offered updates at the Middle School level. She noted the development of the homeroom model and the emphasis on relationships to encourage reenrollment.

M. White offered updates at the Elementary School level. He noted the conclusion of the Second Interim Assessments and celebrated participation improvements from the First Interim Assessment. Team is focusing on engaging students to finish out the semester strong.

C. Charter Impact Financial Report for CalOPS

J. Sitomer presented the Monthly Financial Presentation from February 2025.

Highlights:

- **Attendance:** Projections **increased +0.5%** to 2nd Interim
- **Revenue: +\$1.2M (+1%),** driven by PY Title I recognition and Added ADA
- **Expenses:+\$2.3M (+2%),** driven by SPED services, ISP reimbursements, and catch-up payments
- **Surplus: \$3.8M** (3.6% of expenses)
- **Ending Fund balance: \$29M**
- **Cash: \$38.3M** as of 2/28

He offered some updates on legislation and the ripple effects which could occur.

D. Policy, Compliance, and Legislative Updates

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D. Hertzler offered legislative updates. He emphasized the importance of AB 84 and how impactful it would be if passed. SB 414 is supported by CCSA, CSDC and APLUS+. He thanked J. Sitomer for the federal update.

Regarding Policy and Compliance, he noted that CLA has been approved by the board. The internal compliance team has already begun meeting to prepare for next year's audit.

E. Educational Services Update

L. Dombek offered updates on plans surrounding State Testing. She noted that 2024-25 is the first year CAASPP will be available virtually. First and Second Interims showed a 20% increase in participation with the online option. Testing will be from April 28-May 30. LPAC, CAA, and AP testing are also a focus for staff.

IV. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes from the March 11, 2025 CalOPS Board Meeting (attached)

B. Approval of Minutes from the March 31, 2025 CalOPS Special Board Meeting (attached)

C. Ratification of Special Education Service Contracts (attached)

D. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)

E. Approval of Expenditures over \$20k (attached)

F. Approval of Check Registry

E. Wickliffe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A-F.

A. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

E. Wickliffe Aye

M. Henjum Absent

A. Pulsipher Aye

J. Stockdale Aye

D. Rivas Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

V. Action Items

A. Approval of New Banking Service (attached)

E. Wickliffe made a motion to approve Action Item A, Approval of a New Banking Service.

A. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

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L. Carter reminded the board of the two options presented at the March Board Meeting. East West Bank has been selected for various reasons including customer service and digital services.

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

Roll Call

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

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

A. Pulsipher made a motion to adjourn this meeting and confirm the next CalOPS Board Meeting on May 13, 2025.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Stockdale