



## California Online Public Schools

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## Minutes

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

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday May 13, 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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**Approved by CalOPS Board of Directors June 10, 2025**

**Directors Present**

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

**Directors Absent**

D. Rivas

**Guests Present**

A. Larsen (remote), D. Hertzler (remote), Doreen Stringer (remote), E. McGahey, H. Tamayo (remote), J. Condon, J. Sitomer (remote), K. Eng (remote), L. Carter (remote), L. Dombek (remote), M. Brockway (remote), M. White (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  
Dan Hertzler - Director of Operations  
Doreen Stringer - High School Teacher  
Eva McGahey - Administrative Assistant - SoCal Office  
Heather Tamayo - Middle School Principal  
Jessica Condon - Assistant Director of Operations - NorCal Office  
LaChelle Carter - Director of Finance  
Leslie Dombek - Director of Educational Services  
Marcus White - Elementary School Principal  
Matt Brockway - High School Principal  
Richard Savage - Superintendent  
Richie Romero - Deputy Superintendent  
Ryan Dreifus - Interim Director of Human Resources  
Stephen Ford - Assistant Superintendent

**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 May 13, 2025 at 4:07 PM.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

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E. Wickliffe made a motion to approve the agenda.

A. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Pulsipher Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

J. Stockdale Aye

M. Henjum Aye

D. Rivas Absent

P. Pulsipher Aye

S. Ford, Assistant Superintendent, joined meeting at 4:08 pm

**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.

To view the Board Open Meeting Policy, visit the CalOPS Governance Page at [californiaops.org/governance](https://californiaops.org/governance).

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

**III. Public Hearing**

**A.**

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**CalOPS LCAP (and CSI) Plan Input (attached)**

L. Dombek summarized the purpose of the LCAP and noted that this item provides the public with an opportunity to comment.

**IV. Oral Reports**

**A. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. R. Savage delivered his Superintendent's report. Regarding authorizing districts, a new superintendent was announced for the Ripon USD. Introductions will be made soon to maintain good relations with the CalOPS NorCal Authorizer. He also shared highlights from a recent meeting with the OCDE Superintendent, focused on exploring potential supports and building a positive relationship.

He noted the Graduation ceremony in SoCal will be held on June 12 at UC Irvine. The NorCal ceremony will be held on June 18 at UC Berkley. The CalOPS Board was invited to attend. He also noted that testing has been running smoothly with great participation rates.

On the topic of curriculum and training, there has been conversation occurring among leadership and vendors to ensure efficiency with processes and platforms. There will be more specific updates coming soon.

Staffing updates included a need for several special education teachers and a Director of Student Services. There has been great interest in both of these positions.

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

M. Brockway offered updates at the High School level. He noted excitement for the end of year activities with Prom and Grad Night upcoming, as well as the End-of-Year festivals. He also emphasized the effort his team has made at communications with families regarding testing.

H. Tamayo offered updates at the Middle School level. She noted the excitement surrounding the new direction of virtual state testing and the positive response from staff and students. She also mentioned the work being done to refine processes at the MS level, and efforts put into supporting families through the ITR process.

M. White offered updates at the Elementary School level. He mentioned the engagement occurring between teachers and students/families to keep students going strong through the end of the Spring semester. He also noted the successful testing season and positive energy from staff.

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

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J. Sitomer presented the monthly consolidated financial report.

Highlights

- **Attendance: 145 added ADA** based on P2 actuals
- **Revenue: +\$825K(+1%)**, driven by added ADA, offset by deferred specialty funds
- **Expenses: flat** to prior projection, with shifts from services to supplies
- **Surplus: \$4.6M(4% of expenses)**
- **Ending Fund balance: \$29M**
- **Cash: \$39.5M** as of 3/31

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

D. Hertzler offered policy and compliance updates. He noted that policies are being reviewed for compliance now.

AB 84 passed out of the Assembly Education Committee, though there was much opposition in the commentary from members of the public. This bill is currently in the Appropriations Committee. A few amendments have been added to the bill, but none that would positively affect charter schools. Efforts have been made to inform and educate family and staff on all legislation, and these efforts will be continued. SB 414 has passed through the Senate Education Committee and Judiciary Committee and is now sitting in the Appropriations Committee. This bill would affect school accountability, financial and performance audits, charter school authorization, oversight, and contracting. He is keeping an eye on a Supreme Court Case out of Oklahoma, looking at charter schools being part of public education or not. The ruling should be announced by July 4, with Justice Roberts as the swing vote.

**E. Educational Services Update**

L. Dombek offered updates regarding state testing and statistics on participation. She noted the success that remote testing has brought, raising participation as projected and the accessibility it offers to families.

She presented the Q3 School Enhancement Target (SET) Review.

**V. Consent Items**

- A. Approval of Minutes from the April 08, 2025 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.**

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**Approval of Check Registry**

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

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

D. Rivas      Absent

M. Henjum    Aye

E. Wickliffe   Aye

J. Stockdale   Aye

A. Pulsipher   Aye

P. Pulsipher   Aye

**VI. Action Items**

**A. Approval of Form 990 (attached)**

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Action Item A, Approval of Form 990.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

L. Carter informed the board that this item included the financial up through June 2024.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Pulsipher   Aye

M. Henjum    Aye

D. Rivas      Absent

J. Stockdale   Aye

P. Pulsipher   Aye

E. Wickliffe   Aye

**VII. Information Items**

**A. 2025-26 CalOPS Board Meeting Schedule (attached)**

D. Hertzler noted the proposed CalOPS Board Schedule for the 2025-26 school year will come to the Board for approval at next month's annual meeting.

**VIII. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

M. Henjum made a motion to adjourn this board meeting and confirm the next scheduled CalOPS Board Meeting on June 10, 2025.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

D. Rivas      Absent

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**Roll Call**

E. Wickliffe Aye

J. Stockdale Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

A. Pulsipher 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 4:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Stockdale