



California Online Public Schools

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Minutes

California Online Public Schools (CalOPS) Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday September 9, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Location

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

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Directors Present

A. Pulsipher (remote), D. Rivas (remote), J. Stockdale (remote), P. Pulsipher (remote), Z. Robeson (remote)

Directors Absent

E. Wickliffe, M. Henjum

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

D. Rivas

Guests Present

A. Larsen (remote), B. Jamero, D. Hertzler (remote), Doreen Stringer (remote), E. McGahey, H. Tamayo (remote), J. Colombero (remote), J. Sitomer (remote), Jim Young (remote), K. Eng (remote), L. Carter (remote), L. Dombek (remote), M. Brockway (remote), M. Duran (remote), M. White (remote), R. Dreifus (remote), R. Romero (remote), R. Savage (remote), S. Ford (remote), Z. Kidd (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Roll Call

CalOPS Staff

Ashley Larsen - Administrative Assistant
Bernie Jamero - Assistant Director of Finance - NorCal Office
Dan Hertzler - Director of Operations
Doreen Stringer - High School Teacher
Eva McGahey - Administrative Assistant - SoCal Office
Heather Tamayo - Middle School Principal
Julie Colombero - Assistant Director of Operations, Family Relations
LaChelle Carter - Director of Finance
Leslie Dombek - Director of Educational Services
Mackenzie Duran - Director of Student Services
Marcus White - Elementary School Principal
Matt Brockway - High School Principal
Richard Savage - Superintendent
Richie Romero - Deputy Superintendent
Ryan Dreifus - Assistant Director of Human Resources
Stephen Ford - Assistant Superintendent
Zana Kidd - Director of Human Resources

Contracted Staff

Jason Sitomer - Charter Impact Head of Client Finance
Katie Eng - Charter Impact Director of Client Finance

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Jim Young - YMC Legal Counsel

Ziggy Robeson - (Prospective) CalOPS Board Member

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 Sep 9, 2025 at 4:06 PM.

C. Approval of Agenda

J. Stockdale made a motion to approve the CalOPS Board Meeting Agenda with the removal of the Consent Item P.

A. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

D. Rivas Aye

M. Henjum Absent

E. Wickliffe Absent

P. Pulsipher Aye

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

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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 <https://californiaops.org/governance/>

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 presented updates for the Superintendent's report. He noted a successful Back to School event for CalOPS staff. In regards to Curriculum and Training, there was ongoing training going on to support teachers. Student enrollment was much closer to its goal of 8,500 for the year. CalOPS is fully staffed right now. In regards to Sponsoring District Update, leadership was able to welcome the new Superintendent of Ripon USD, Rusty Clark. CalOPS continued to keep a close eye on legislation that could impact California Charter Schools.

B. Principals' Report (attached)

M. White offered updates at the elementary level. The beginning of the school year was a positive and busy time, with a focus on welcoming our students. He noted diagnostics will begin next week.

H. Tamayo offered updates at the middle school level. Middle school has taken an adjusted approach to the homeroom model and has spent the first few weeks of school building relationships with students and families. She noted diagnostics will begin next week.

M. Brockway offered updates at the high school level. Student orientation was rolled out the first week of school. Diagnostic testing via iExcel began last week for high schoolers and will continue through the month.

C. Charter Impact Financial Report for CalOPS

J. Sitomer presented the CalOPS Consolidated Financial Report, containing the Unaudited Actuals.

Highlights:

- **Attendance:** 7,061(flat)
- **Revenue:** +\$920K (+1%t), up minimally, shifting specialty funds to bolster surpluses
- **Expenses:**+\$1.2M (+1%) to April forecast, driven by PTO payouts (+\$1.2M)

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- **Surplus:** \$3.2M (3% of expenses)
- **Ending Fund balance:** \$29M
- **Cash:** \$28.8M as of 6/30

He presented the Education Protection Account Actuals from 2024-25. He noted that these reports must be approved by the board and then posted to the website for compliance purposes.

Z. Robeson arrived at 4:32 pm

D. Policy, Compliance, and Legislative Updates

D. Hertzler offered updates regarding a positive roll-out of compliance procedures this school year and a smoother process for teachers this school year. Regarding policy updates, AB 84 had been turned into a 2 year bill and should be more information available on the status of SB 414 on Friday. He noted that a new candidate for the CalOPS board was in attendance, Dr. Ziggy Robeson.

E. Educational Services Update

L. Dombek presented the Quarter 4 School Enhancement Target (SET) Goal slide deck.

IV. Consent Items

- A. Approval of Minutes from the June 10, 2025 CalOPS Annual Board Meeting (attached)**
- B. Approval of Check Register**
- C. Ratification of Special Education Service Contracts (attached)**
- D. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)**
- E. Approval of Expenditures over \$20k (attached)**
- F. Approval of Bullying and Prohibited Behavior Policy (attached)**
- G. Approval of Title IX Policy (attached)**
- H. Approval of Reclassification Policy (attached)**
- I. Approval of Plan for English Learners (attached)**
- J. Approval of Local Teacher Assignment Options: Teacher Listing for 2025-26 School Year (attached)**
- K. Approval of 2025-26 Annual Notification Packet (attached)**

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L. Approval of Prop 28 Reports (attached)

M. Approval of Suicide Prevention Policy (attached)

N. Approval of Suspension, Expulsion, and Involuntary Removal Policies (attached)

O. Approval of Missed Assignments, Satisfactory Educational Progress, and Involuntary Removal Procedure (attached)

D. Rivas made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A-O, with the removal of Consent Item P.

A. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

J. Stockdale Aye

E. Wickliffe Absent

P. Pulsipher Aye

A. Pulsipher Aye

D. Rivas Aye

M. Henjum Absent

V. Action Items

A. Approval of 2024-25 Education Protection Account (EPA) Actuals (attached)

A. Pulsipher made a motion to approve Action Item A.

P. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

A. Pulsipher Aye

E. Wickliffe Absent

J. Stockdale Aye

M. Henjum Absent

P. Pulsipher Aye

D. Rivas Aye

B. Approval of Unaudited Actuals, End of Year Financial Statements, and Authorization of California Director of Finance or Designee to Submit to the Appropriate Parties

P. Pulsipher made a motion to Action Item B.

A. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

A. Pulsipher Aye

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Roll Call

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

C. Approval of Ziggy Robeson as New Member of the CalOPS Board of Directors

J. Stockdale made a motion to nominate Dr. Ziggy Robeson for the role of CalOPS Board Member.

A. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

D. Hertzler introduced Z. Robeson and offered a little background on her selection as a prospective board member. This nomination would be an appointment for a 3 year term. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VI. Closed Session

A. CLOSED SESSION - Brown Act; California Gov't Code §54956.9

A. Pulsipher made a motion to move to closed session.

D. Rivas seconded the motion.

J. Stockdale noted the board would be entering closed session to conference with legal counsel regarding 1 case of anticipated litigation and 2 cases of existing litigation.

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

Roll Call

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

Upon returning from closed session, J. Stockdale noted that no actions were taken in closed session and there was nothing to report out regarding the 1 case of anticipated litigation and 2 cases of existing litigation.

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VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

A. Pulsipher made a motion to adjourn this meeting and confirm the next CalOPS Board Meeting on October 14, 2025.

Z. Robeson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

M. Henjum Absent

J. Stockdale Aye

D. Rivas Absent

A. Pulsipher Aye

E. Wickliffe Absent

Z. Robeson Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Stockdale

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