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Minutes

California Online Public Schools (CalOPS) Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday October 14, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Location
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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

Z. Robeson

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

D. Rivas

Guests Present

A. Larsen (remote), D. Hertzler (remote), E. McGahey (remote), H. Tamayo (remote), Hannah Hurley (remote), J. Colombero, J. Condon, J. Sitomer (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), S. Ford (remote), Z. Kidd (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Roll Call

CalOPS Staff
Ashley Larsen - Administrative Assistant
Jessica Condon - Assistant Director of Finance - NorCal Office
Dan Hertzler - Director of Operations
Eva McGahey - Administrative Assistant
Hannah Hurley - Elementary School Assistant Principal
Heather Tamayo - Middle School Principal
Jen Brunner - High School Assistant Principal
Julie Colombero - Assistant Director of Operations, Family Relations - SoCal Office
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
Richie Romero - Deputy Superintendent
Ryan Dreifus - Assistant Director of Human Resources
Steve Ford - Assistant Superintendent

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

Approved by CalOPS Board of Directors November 4, 2025

Member of the Public

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 Oct 14, 2025 at 4:05 PM.

C. Approval of Agenda

M. Henjum made a motion to approve the CalOPS Board Meeting Agenda.
E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

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.

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. Romero presented the Superintendent's Report. He noted that enrollment had surpassed 8000 students. In terms of authorizing districts, staff has met with two authorizers since the previous board meeting and more are to come.

B. Principals' Report (attached)

M. Brockway offered updates at the high school level. He highlighted the fact that HS has switched diagnostics to iExcel. He also mentioned that the first attendance period went very smoothly.

H. Tamayo offered updates at the middle school level. She mentioned that diagnostic tools offered great insights and noted the emphasis on data driven at the MS level. J. Stockdale inquired about HR participation encouragement and how CalOPS finds success. H. Tamayo answered that they are held bi-weekly and that there are themes associated with the LiveClasses now to encourage more attendance and engagement.

M. White offered updates at the elementary level. The team was excited for upcoming BOY festivals. He emphasized staff focus on re-engagement and ensuring success for students with various methods.

C. CalOPS Consolidated Financial Report (attached)

L. Carter thanked Charter Impact for preparing the slide deck and presented the consolidated financial report.
Highlights:

- **Attendance**: -8% to Original Budget
- **Revenue**: -$10M(-8%), driven by adjusted ADA forecasts
- **Expenses**:-$5.8M (-5%), driven professional & consulting services
- **Surplus**: $6.0M (5.4% of expenses)
- **Ending Fund balance**: $34M
- **Cash**: $20M as of 8/31

She also noted that CalOPS Finance was working to update policies and procedures.

J. Stockdale asked for clarification on ADA amounts per student and how that varies throughout the school year. L. Carter and J. Sitomer resolved his questions.

D. Policy, Compliance, and Legislative Updates

D. Hertzler noted that CalOPS leadership was out at the CSDC conference the prior week. He mentioned that there were no new compliance pieces that needed to be implemented and CalOPS is on the right track for attendance, auditing, etc. He offered legislative updates, one of the largest being that SB 414 was vetoed at the Governor's desk. This meant that there were no changes occurring to current processes, but AB 84 had been converted to a two year bill and may come back into the legislative cycle next year.

R. Romero mentioned that the moratorium on non-classroom based schools was coming to an end this year. That likely means that Pearson Virtual Schools would be attempting to reenter the California charter school community and result in fluctuations in enrollment numbers.

E. Educational Services Report

L. Dombek noted the Local Indicator Report data was released late and could not be included in the Local Indicator Report she presented in June 2025, but all the data is now available for review.

IV. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes from the September 09, 2025 CalOPS 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 Parent and Family Engagement Policy (attached)

G. Approval of Math Placement Annual Report (attached)

H. Approval of Updated Fiscal Policy (attached)

I. Approval of Scribbles Contract Addendum (attached)

J.

Approval of Interim Assignment Stipend (attached)

K. Approval of CCAP Agreement (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

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

V. Action Items

A. Approval of Empower Match

S. Ford informed the board that Empower is the organization CalOPS uses for employee 401k retirements. The initial contract detailed an annual calculation for the employer match, and due to the distributions being calculated per pay period, there were some discrepancies. This item would approve a payment "true up" of ~$304k for the 2024 school year; an additional ~$650k being budgeted in for 2026 for the 2025 "true up" payment; and a switch to safe harbor match calculations per pay period to avoid this occurring in the future, effective January 1, 2026.

A. Pulsipher asked for more details about what the payment entails. S. Ford and J. Sitomer clarified. J. Stockdale inquired about how this occurred with Empower's calculations. L. Carter explained the difference between the annual vs. per pay period calculations causing a discrepancy. J. Stockdale and A. Pulsipher voiced concerns about this potentially being a vendor error and encouraged a push back to Empower and more research before approving. A. Pulsipher proposed only approving the first payment for the 2024 "true up" and having CalOPS do more digging with the foreseen 2025 payment to see if the vendor is liable.
A. Pulsipher made a motion to approve a payment to Empower for the 2024 match "true up" and to hold remaining items for the next board meeting.
P. Pulsipher seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Wickliffe	Aye
J. Stockdale	Aye
A. Pulsipher	Aye
P. Pulsipher	Aye

Roll Call

D. Rivas	Aye
Z. Robeson	Absent
M. Henjum	Aye

B. Approval of Hyatt Final 2025 BTS Invoice (attached)

L. Carter presented an updated invoice from 2025 BTS that included additional charges outside the scope of the numbers initially presented to the board last school year. There was a decimal error in the original quote which resulted in an additional $20k cost, and additional internet and visual, parking, and coffee charges contributed to the increase in cost.

D. Rivas inquired about BTS no shows and steps taken to reduce these fees. L. Carter responded about the CalOPS process for accommodations and deadlines with BTS. She elaborated on some of the technicalities with the Hyatt that don't allow for much flexibility in room bookings and rates. There was additional confusion with the fees listed on the Hyatt invoice. J. Stockdale voiced concerns on this situation and wanted to do further push back with Hyatt before taking action on this item. A. Pulsipher agreed that there should be some negotiation. J. Stockdale proposed tabling this invoice approval and having R. Romero go back into talks with the Hyatt regarding the invoice.
A. Pulsipher made a motion to table the approval of this invoice until next month while R. Romero negotiates with Hyatt.
D. Rivas seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VI. Closed Session

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

M. Henjum made a motion to move to closed session.
E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Henjum	Aye
D. Rivas	Aye
Z. Robeson	Absent

Roll Call

P. Pulsipher	Aye
E. Wickliffe	Aye
J. Stockdale	Aye
A. Pulsipher	Aye

D. Rivas left at 5:50 PM.

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 2 cases of anticipated litigation.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

M. Henjum made a motion to adjourn this meeting and confirm the next CalOPS Board Meeting on November 04, 2025.
E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Stockdale