



California Online Public Schools

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Minutes

California Online Public Schools (CalOPS) Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday December 9, 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), Z. Robeson (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

A. Larsen (remote), A. Philips (remote), Aiko Akers (remote), Ayesha Vishnani (remote), B. Daseler (remote), Courtney Chambers (remote), D. Hertzler (remote), Doreen Stringer (remote), E. McGahey (remote), H. Tamayo (remote), Hilary Bessette (remote), J. Brunner (remote), J. Colombero, J. Condon, J. Sitomer (remote), James Young (remote), Jenny Woo (remote), K. Eng (remote), L. Carter (remote), L. Dombek (remote), L. Hernandez (remote), Lili Huang (remote), M. Brockway (remote), M. Duran (remote), M. Rushing (remote), M. White (remote), Member of the Public (remote), Member of the Public (remote), R. Dreifus (remote), R. Romero (remote), Rebecca Gray (remote), Robert Arredondo (remote), S. Ford (remote), Sangar Safi (remote), Simone Mueller (remote), Tamara Hurwitz (remote), Than Short (remote), Tiffany Carrasco (remote), Victoria Acton (remote), Z. Kidd (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Roll Call

Attendees for Minutes

CalOPS Staff

Aiko Akers - High School Case Manager
Amy Philips - High School Assistant Principal
Ashley Larsen - Administrative Assistant
Ayesha Vishnani - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Specialist
Bryan Daesler - Interim High School Assistant Principal
Courtney Chambers - High School English Teacher
Dan Hertzler - Director of Operations
Doreen Stringer -
Eva McGahey - Operations Coordinator
Heather Tamayo - Middle School Principal
Hilary Bessette - Assistant Director of Educational Services
Jen Brunner - High School Assistant Principal
Jenny Woo - High School English Teacher
Jessica Condon - Assistant Director of Operations - NorCal Office
Julie Colombero - Assistant Director of Operations, Family Relations - SoCal Office
LaChelle Carter - Director of Finance
Leeann Hernandez - High School Assistant Principal
Leslie Dombek - Director of Educational Services

Mackenzie Duran - Director of Student Services
Marcus White - Elementary School Principal
Matt Brockway - High School Principal
Michele Rushing - High School Assistant Principal
Rebecca Gray - High School English Teacher
Richie Romero - Deputy Superintendent
Ryan Dreifus - Assistant Director of Human Resources
Steve Ford - Assistant Superintendent
Tamara Hurwitz - High School English Teacher
Than Short - Assistant Director of Educational Services
Tiffany Carrasco - Assistant Director of Finance
Victoria Acton - High School English Teacher
Zana Kidd - Director of Human Resources

Contracted Staff

Jason Sitomer - Charter Impact Head of Client Finance
Kate Eng - Charter Impact Director of Client Finance
Lili Huang - CLA
Robert Arredondo - CLA
Sangar Safi - SoftMSP
James Young - YM&C
Simone Mueller -

2 Members 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 Dec 9, 2025 at 4:09 PM.

C. Approval of Agenda

Due to a time constraint with the presenter for Action Item H, Approval of the 2024-25 School Year Audit, J. Stockdale suggests moving that item to be heard and voted on after Public Comment.

M. Henjum made a motion to approve the CalOPS Board Meeting Agenda with Action Item H, Approval of the 2024-25 School Year Audit, moved to be after public comment.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

J. Stockdale Aye
Z. Robeson Aye
D. Rivas Aye
M. Henjum Aye
P. Pulsipher Aye

Roll Call

A. Pulsipher Aye

E. Wickliffe 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 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.

Seeing as how we have not received any requests for comment, we will move on with our agenda at this time.

III. Oral Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

R. Romero announced that CalOPS enrollment has surpassed 9000 students. Enrollment has paused for the remainder of first semester and should resume for Elementary and Middle School for second semester with High School students being enrolled as space allows. Staff were hard at work balancing caseloads.

He noted an event held at the SoCal office the evening prior with CCSA. This event was focused on the California charter community and the sunseting charter moratorium.

B. Principals' Report (attached)

M. Brockway offered updates at the High School level. He noted that the team completed mid semester conferences and progress reports. He thanked his teams for their hard work supporting students.

H. Tamayo offered updates at the Middle School level. She noted efforts to up contacts with students to make sure everyone is in a good place upon returning from winter break.

M. White offered updates at the Elementary School level. He noted their work on progress monitoring and catching up any students that need it prior to winter break.

C. CalOPS Financial Services Update

L. Carter presented the consolidated financial report, including the first interim financial update.

Highlights:

- Attendance: +27 to prior month
- Revenue: +\$910K (+.7%), driven by ADA and UPP updates.
- Expenses: -\$300K (-.3%), driven by Books/Supplies and Personnel
- Surplus: \$7.1M (6.3% of expenses)
- Ending Fund balance: \$35M
- Cash: \$28M (as of 10/31)

L. Carter presented the CALPADS Fall 1 report summary.

D. Policy, Compliance, and Legislative Updates

D. Hertzler offered further updates on the meeting in the SoCal office with CCSA's Gregory McGinity and the current status of the charter moratorium. He shared positive outlooks on the legislative climate based on insights.

He mentioned a legislative to-do list and analysis that staff is currently working through to ensure compliance. New training will be necessary for board members in the new year.

E. Educational Services Report

L. Dombek presented the Quarter 1 SET Review slide deck.

J. Stockdale thanked L. Dombek for her presentation, and Z. Robeson gave kudos to the staff and teachers.

L. Dombek introduced the 2025 CA Dashboard Data Review & Technical Assistance Update slides. She gave an overview of the dashboard data for all 6 scopes. T. Short presented on academic specifics in the data. H. Bessette presented on chronic absenteeism.

IV. Consent Items

- A. Approval of Minutes from the November 4, 2025 CalOPS Board Meeting (attached)**
- B. Approval of Minutes from the November 13, 2025 CalOPS Special Board Meeting (attached)**
- C. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)**
- D. Approval of Check Register (attached)**
- E. Ratification of Special Education Service Contracts (attached)**
- F. Approval of Expenditures over \$20k (attached)**

G. Approval of 2024-25 School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) (attached)

H. Approval of Spark Hire Contract Renewal (attached)

I. Approval of CCGI & California Online Public Schools Agreement for Receiving Technical Assistance (attached)

J. Approval of Local Assignment Option 44258.3 (attached)

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

Z. Robeson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

J. Stockdale Aye

Z. Robeson Aye

A. Pulsipher Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

D. Rivas Aye

M. Henjum Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

V. Action Items

A. Approval of Back to School Hyatt Invoice (attached)

R. Romero reviewed the steps taken by staff since the last board meeting. He informed the board that it was advised to pay the remaining balance on the 2025 BTS program and finish out the remainder of the 2026 BTS contract with the Hyatt.

A. Pulsipher asked about potential repercussions to not paying the remainder and impact on the 2026 contract.

A. Pulsipher made a motion to approve the remainder of the 2025 Hyatt BTS invoice.

D. Rivas seconded the motion.

The board directed staff to work on negotiating better terms for the 2026 Hyatt BTS agreement.

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

Roll Call

M. Henjum Aye

A. Pulsipher Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

J. Stockdale Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

Z. Robeson Aye

D. Rivas Aye

B. Approval of T Mobile Hotspot Agreement Renewal (attached)

L. Carter informed on the past use of hotspots. She requested the board approve of the 2 year contract and future payments for the T Mobile Hotspot Agreement Renewal.

A. Pulsipher made a motion to approve the payments for the T Mobile Hotspot Agreement and table the contract.

D. Rivas seconded the motion.

The board directed staff to request language be added to the agreement fixing the cost of additional hotspot units.

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

Roll Call

E. Wickliffe Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

J. Stockdale Aye

D. Rivas Aye

M. Henjum Aye

A. Pulsipher Aye

Z. Robeson Aye

C. Approval of Total Transportation Logistics, Inc. Agreement Payments (attached)

L. Carter requested the board approve payments with Total Transportation Logistics, Inc. in advance to avoid any late fees. She noted this as an at use agreement and explained that if CalOPS continued utilizing their services, it would be brought to the board annually.

E. Wickliffe made a motion to approve Action Item C, Total Transportation Logistics, Inc. Agreement Payments.

A. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

J. Stockdale Aye

Z. Robeson Aye

M. Henjum Aye

D. Rivas Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

A. Pulsipher Aye

D. Approval of SoftMSP Software Development Contract Amendment (attached)

S. Ford presented the amended SoftMSP Software Development Contract Amendment and requested approval.

The board directed staff to make further amendments to the contract.

J. Stockdale noted that this item would be tabled to the next board meeting.

E. Approval of Hartford Liability Insurance (attached)

S. Ford presented the Hartford Liability Insurance invoice and explained that it came from an audit to true up. He noted that work is being done to minimize this true up in the future.

A. Pulsipher made a motion to approve Action Item E, payment to Hartford Liability Insurance.

M. Henjum seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

A. Pulsipher Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

M. Henjum Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

J. Stockdale Aye

D. Rivas Aye

Z. Robeson Aye

F. Marketing Programmatic Advertising Correction Payment to Brandastic (attached)

S. Ford provided background on the service, programmatic advertising, as an effective tool for school marketing. He explained the previous trial of programmatic advertising and the successful implementation. He requested approval for payment to Brandastic for the current invoice and informed on intentions to restart this feature in March. He attributed some of the significant enrollment growth to this feature.

J. Stockdale asked about setting a "cut-off" based on a dollar figure we provide to Brandastic.

A. Pulsipher made a motion to approve Action Item F, Marketing Programmatic Advertising Correction Payment to Brandastic.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

The board directed staff to work with Brandastic to set a specific cost limit on the usage so it automatically turns off after the dollar amount has been met.

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

Roll Call

M. Henjum Aye

D. Rivas Aye

A. Pulsipher Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

J. Stockdale Aye

Z. Robeson Aye

G. Approval of First Interim Financial Reports (attached)

L. Carter presented the First Interim Financial Forms and requested board approval for submission.

Z. Robeson made a motion to approve Action Item G, First Iterim Financial Reports.

A. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

A. Pulsipher Aye

J. Stockdale Aye

Z. Robeson Aye

D. Rivas Aye

M. Henjum Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

H. Approval of 2024-25 School Year Audit (attached)

L Huang presented the 2024-25 school year audit after the Superintendent's Report.

L. Huang noted an unmodified/clean opinion for the 2024-25 school year audit, with one past adjustment, and 3 findings. R. Arredondo went into detail on the findings.

E. Wickliffe made a motion to approve the 2024-25 school year audit.

M. Henjum seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

A. Pulsipher Aye

J. Stockdale Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

D. Rivas Aye

M. Henjum Aye

Z. Robeson Aye

VI. Closed Session

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

J. Stockdale announced the CalOPS Board would be moving into a breakout room to conference with legal counsel regarding 2 cases of anticipated litigation.

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

M. Henjum seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

J. Stockdale Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

A. Pulsipher Aye

Roll Call

D. Rivas Aye
M. Henjum Aye
P. Pulsipher Aye
Z. Robeson Aye

B. Closed Session Report Out

J. Stockdale reported no actions regarding 2 cases of anticipated litigation.

VII. Closing Items

A. Future Business

J. Stockdale asked for input from board members on any items they would like added to future board agendas.

Board directed staff to include an agenda item to allow for discussion surrounding AB 1390.

B. Adjourn Meeting

D. Rivas made a motion to adjourn the CalOPS Board Meeting.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

E. Wickliffe Aye
P. Pulsipher Aye
D. Rivas Aye
J. Stockdale Aye
A. Pulsipher Aye
Z. Robeson 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 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Stockdale