



California Online Public Schools

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Minutes

California Online Public Schools (CalOPS) Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday February 10, 2026 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), E. Wickliffe (remote), J. Stockdale (remote), M. Henjum (remote), P. Pulsipher (remote), Z. Robeson (remote)

Directors Absent

D. Rivas

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

Z. Robeson

Guests Present

A. Larsen (remote), Aiko Akers (remote), Amy Hickey (remote), Avery Bailey (remote), Ayesha Vishnani (remote), B. Daseler (remote), B. Jamero, D. Hertzler (remote), Doreen Stringer (remote), E. McGahey (remote), H. Hurley (remote), H. Tamayo (remote), J. Brunner (remote), J. Colombero, J. Sitomer (remote), Jenny Woo (remote), Jim Young (remote), K. Eng (remote), L. Carter (remote), L. Dombek (remote), M. Brockway (remote), M. Duran (remote), M. Rushing (remote), M. White (remote), Paul Minney (remote), R. Dreifus (remote), R. Romero (remote), R. Savage (remote), Sangar Saafi (remote), T. Pinckney (remote), Z. Kidd (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Roll Call

CalOPS Staff

Aiko Akers - High School Teacher

Amy Hickey - Elementary School Teacher

Ayesha Vishnani - DEI Specialist

Ashley Larsen - Administrative Assistant

Bernie Jamero - Assistant Director of Finance - NorCal Office

Bryan Daseler - Interim High School Assistant Principal

Dan Hertzler - Director of Operations

Doreen Stringer - High School Teacher

Eva McGahey - Operations Coordinator

Hannah Hurley - Elementary School Assistant Principal

Heather Tamayo - Middle School Principal

Jen Brunner - High School Assistant Principal

Jenny Woo - High School Teacher

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

Michele Rushing - High School Assistant Principal
Richard Savage - Superintendent
Richie Romero - Deputy/Acting Superintendent
Ryan Dreifus - Assistant Director of Human Resources
Tracy Pinckney - Middle School Assistant Principal
Zana Kidd - Director of Human Resources
Avery Bailey - Student Representative

Contracted Staff

Jason Sitomer - Charter Impact Head of Client Finance
Kate Eng - Charter Impact Director of Client Finance
Sangar Saafi - SoftMSP
Jim Young - YM&C Legal Counsel
Paul Minney - YM&C Legal Counsel

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 Feb 10, 2026 at 4:06 PM.

C. Approval of Agenda

J. Stockdale noted Action Items P, Q, R and S were to be moved from before closed session to after closed session.

A. Pulsipher made a motion to approve the CalOPS Board Meeting Agenda with the previously mentioned adjustments.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

A. Pulsipher Aye
J. Stockdale Aye
Z. Robeson Absent
D. Rivas Absent
M. Henjum Aye
E. Wickliffe Aye
P. Pulsipher 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 presented the Superintendents Report. He noted a current shortage of Chromebooks that will be replenished with an action item on the agenda. He summarized some of the student events occurring, including the Mid-Year Festivals for Northern, Central, and Southern regions. He also updated the board on the oversight meetings with authorizing districts so far - 4 visits completed, 2 more to follow.

B. Principals' Report (attached)

M. Brockway offered updates at the High School level. He noted a successful end of the first semester. He introduced 5 teachers joining the high school team. He offered kudos to the Project Success team and B. Daseler for facilitation of the student board member election.

H. Tamayo offered updates at the Middle School level. She noted that second semester had begun and a smooth team transition with the movement of three middle school teachers to the high school level. i-Ready was in progress, and PFT and CAASPP were soon to come.

M. White was not present to offer oral updates at this meeting, but included an update in the board packet.

C. CalOPS Financial Services Update

L. Carter presented the consolidated financial report.

Highlights:

- Attendance: +57 to 1st Interim, driven by P1 actuals w/ projected decay
- Revenue: +\$360K (+.3%), driven by added ADA
- Expenses: +\$1.8M(+1.6%), driven by STRS audit adjustment, retirement benefits, and IT Services
- Surplus: \$5.6M (4.9% of expenses)
- Ending Fund balance: \$33M
- Cash: \$28.2M (as of 12/31)

L. Carter provided the board with an update on the Governor's Budget Proposal.

Z. Robeson arrived at 4:29 PM.

D. Policy, Compliance, and Legislative Updates

D. Hertzler offered his updates. He first touched on new Mandated Reporter training requirements for our board members, more information would follow after the meeting. He next noted that Form 700s are available for completion for board members and staff.

He offered a legislative update, which was overall positive. The Governor's Office put out a trailer bill which would implement new requirements for the state controllers office and authorizers. This trailer bill may still be modified. The Senate Education Committee and Assembly Education Committee have both had some changes to members.

DLAC and CCSA conferences were occurring in the following weeks.

IV. Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes from the December 9, 2025 CalOPS Board Meeting (attached)

B. Approval of Minutes from the January 16, 2026 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 2026-27 CalOPS Calendar (attached)

H. Approval of Saddleback Dual Enrollment Agreement (attached)

I. Approval of the 2025-26 SY Culture and Climate Survey Questionnaire (attached)

J. Approval of School Safety Plan (attached)

K. Adoption of CalOPS Policy Addressing Student Behavioral Health Referral Protocols (attached)

L. Adoption of Policy Regarding Immigration Enforcement Activity (attached)

M. Approval of Updated CalOPS Fiscal Policy (attached)

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

Z. Robeson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

V. Action Items

A. Student Board Member (attached)

D. Hertzler provided some background on the opportunity for charter schools to have student board members with the passing of AB 275 in 2023. He noted that a student board member would have a preferential vote, which serves to inform the rest of the board on the student perspective. The student board member cannot vote on staffing or salary decisions, nor can they participate in closed sessions. Their attendance does not count towards meeting quorum requirements for the rest of the board.

A. Bailey introduced herself to the board and explained her reasons for running for this role.

D. Hertzler requested the board approve A. Bailey as the 2025-26 CalOPS Student Board Member with a term ending on June 16, 2026.

Z. Robeson made a motion to approve A. Bailey as the 2025-26 CalOPS Student Board Member with a term ending on June 16, 2026.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of LCAP Mid Year Update (attached)

L. Dombek presented the LCAP Mid Year Update for board review and approval.

Preferential Vote:

A. Bailey - Aye

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Action Item B, the LCAP Mid Year Update.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Z. Robeson Aye

M. Henjum Aye

A. Pulsipher Aye

J. Stockdale Aye

P. Pulsipher Aye

D. Rivas Absent

E. Wickliffe Aye

C. Approval of Updated CalOPS Board Bylaws (attached)

D. Hertzler presented the Updated CalOPS Board Bylaws for board consideration and approval. He noted minor changes to a section that would allow for a board stipend.

Preferential Vote:

A. Bailey - Aye

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Action Item C, the Updated CalOPS Board Bylaws.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

J. Stockdale Aye

A. Pulsipher Aye

E. Wickliffe Aye

D. Rivas Absent

P. Pulsipher Aye

Z. Robeson Aye

M. Henjum Aye

D. Approval of CalOPS Board Stipend Policy (attached)

D. Hertzler presented the CalOPS Board Stipend Policy for board consideration and approval. He noted the passing of AB 1390 which brought conversation regarding board compensation back to the forefront. He summarized the background and due diligence that went into this policy.

A. Pulsipher asked additional questions which D. Hertzler, L. Carter, and J. Sitomer answered.

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Action Item D, the CalOPS Board Stipend Policy.

A. Pulsipher seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

E. Approval of OCDE Countywide Charter School Petition Designee (attached)

R. Romero introduced the OCDE Countywide Charter School Petition Designee item and explained the benefits offered to Countywide Charters. D. Hertzler contributed additional background and information on reasoning and future goals. He elaborated on the strong relationship with Orange County Department of Education.

Preferential Vote:

A. Bailey - Aye

Z. Robeson made a motion to designate Deputy/Acting Superintendent Richie Romero or his designee to execute the submission of the Countywide Charter Petition with Orange County Office of Education.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

F. Approval of Student Technology Purchase (attached)

D. Hertzler presented the student technology purchase from GHA Technologies for board consideration and approval. He offered background on the current process with returned Chromebooks being refurbished to be sent back out to new students. The proposed purchase should carry CalOPS through the end of the school year.

Preferential Vote:

A. Bailey - Aye

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Action Item F, the student technology purchase from GHA Technologies.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

G. Approval of T Mobile Hotspot Contract (attached)

L. Carter presented the Updated T Mobile Hotspot Contract. She noted the agreement may be adjusted for hotspot quantities in the summer for the following school year. She requested the board approve the updated contract and payments over 20k for the duration of the agreement term.

Preferential Vote:

A. Bailey - Aye

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Action Item G, the updated T Mobile Hotspot Contract and payments over 20k for the agreement term.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

H. Approval of Procurify Renewal (attached)

L. Carter presented the Procurify Renewal for board approval. She provided background on her due diligence with this and the communications with Procurify to reach this contract. She requested the board approve of the contract renewal as well as payments over 20k for the duration of the renewal term.

Preferential Vote:

A. Bailey - Aye

Z. Robeson made a motion to approve Action Item H, the Procurify Contract Renewal and payments over 20k for the duration of the renewal term.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

I. Approval of Language Line Vendor Payments (attached)

L. Carter presented Action Item I and gave background on the reasons for usage of Language Line. She requested the board approve Language Line vendor payments over 20k for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year to avoid incurring late charges.

Preferential Vote:

A. Bailey - Aye

Z. Robeson made a motion to approve Action Item I, Language Line Vendor Payments over 20k for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

J. Approval of the 2026-27 Hyatt BTS Addendum (attached)

L. Carter presented the 2026-27 Hyatt BTS Contract Addendum for board consideration and approval. She went over the concessions made by the Hyatt.

The board asked additional questions. L. Carter, R. Romero, and A. Larsen provided more information.

Preferential Vote:

A. Bailey - Aye

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Action Item J, the 2026-27 Hyatt BTS Contract Addendum.

Z. Robeson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

K. Approval of Hartford Worker's Comp Policy Update and Invoice (attached)

L. Carter and Z. Kidd presented the Hartford Worker's Comp Policy Update and Invoice for board consideration and approval.

Preferential Vote:

A. Bailey - Aye

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Action Item K, the updated Hartford Worker's Compensation Policy and invoice, as well as future payments exceeding 20k for the duration of the contract term.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

L. Approval of HR Konnect Contract (attached)

Z. Kidd presented the HR Konnect Contract for board consideration and approval. She gave background on the need for this service to support HR in defining job roles, standardizing job descriptions, reviewing compensation structures, and establishing career pathways. This contract would be for 4 months.

Z. Robeson asked for additional clarification. Z. Kidd provided more information.

Preferential Vote:

A. Bailey - Aye

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Action Item L, the HR Konnect Contract and payments over 20k for the duration of the contract term.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

M. Approval of Facing History Contract (attached)

Z. Kidd presented the Facing History Contract for board consideration and approval.

Z. Robeson asked for additional clarification. Z. Kidd, A. Vishnani, and L. Carter provided more information.

Preferential Vote:

A. Bailey - Aye

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Action Item M, the Facing History Contract and a one time payment for said contract.

Z. Robeson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

N. Approval of 401K Audit Contract with CLA (attached)

Z. Kidd presented the 401k Audit Contract with CLA for board consideration and approval.

Preferential Vote:

A. Bailey - Aye

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Action Item N, the 401k Audit Contract with CLA and payments for the duration of the contract term.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

D. Rivas Absent

Roll Call

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

O. Approval of Trello Contract Renewal (attached)

L. Dombek presented the Trello Contract Renewal for board consideration and approval.

Preferential Vote:

A. Bailey - Aye

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Action Item O, the Trello Contract Renewal and a one time payment for said contract.

E. Wickliffe 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 Absent
Z. Robeson Aye

VI. Closed Session

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

At this time, the CalOPS Board moved into a breakout room to conference with legal counsel regarding one case of anticipated litigation, conference with labor negotiators for 2 employees, and discussion regarding public employee performance evaluations and discipline/dismissal.

Z. Robeson made a motion to move to closed session.

M. Henjum seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Closed Session Report Out

The board voted unanimously to release the Assistant Superintendent, Employee #20252026-1 from their at will employment with California Online Public Schools, effective February 11, 2026.

VII. Action Items Continued

A. Board Approval/Ratification of Compensation Comparability Study for Co-Superintendent of Finance, Educational Services, and Student Services Position

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Action Item P, the Compensation Comparability Study for the Co-Superintendent of Finance, Educational Services, and Student Services Position.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Co-Superintendent of Finance, Educational Services, and Student Services Employment Contract

J. Stockdale oral report:

I am required by law to indicate, prior to any vote on this employment contract, that the contract is for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, and provides the following:

1. A work schedule of a minimum of 95 days (remainder of this school year)
2. A base annual salary: \$298,332.32
3. Health Benefits: Such health and other benefits of employment as shall be granted to all full-time employees
4. Employer contributions for STRS as applicable, subject to program and eligibility requirements.

I would also note that the annual salary is in keeping with the compensation comparability study the Board has received.

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Action Item Q, the Co-Superintendent of Finance, Educational Services, and Student Services Employment Contract.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

C. Board Approval/Ratification of Compensation Comparability Study for Co-Superintendent of Operations, Human Resources and Business Services Position

Z. Robeson made a motion to approve Action Item R, the Compensation Comparability Study for the Co-Superintendent of Operations, Human Resources and Business Services Position.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

D. Co-Superintendent of Operations, Human Resources and Business Services Employment Contract

J. Stockdale oral report:

I am required by law to indicate, prior to any vote on this employment contract, that the contract is for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, and provides the following:

1. A work schedule of a minimum of 95 days (remainder of this school year)
2. A base annual salary: \$317,167.22
3. Health Benefits: Such health and other benefits of employment as shall be granted to all full-time employees
4. Employer contributions for STRS as applicable, subject to program and eligibility requirements.

I would also note that the annual salary is in keeping with the compensation comparability study the Board has received.

M. Henjum made a motion to approve Action Item S, the Co-Superintendent of Operations, Human Resources and Business Services Employment Contract.

E. Wickliffe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

VIII. Closing Items

A. Future Business

No board members requested any topics be agendized for future discussion.

B. Adjourn Meeting

A. Pulsipher made a motion to adjourn the CalOPS Board Meeting.
Z. Robeson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Rivas Absent
J. Stockdale Aye
Z. Robeson Aye
E. Wickliffe Aye
M. Henjum Aye
A. Pulsipher 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 6:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Stockdale