The Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) met on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) in Downey. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mr. Frank Bostrom.

**Members Present**

Frank Bostrom  
Maria Calix  
Ted Edmiston  
Owen Griffith  
John Nunez  
Frank Ogaz  
Suzan Solomon  
AJ Willmer

**Members Absent**

Joan Jakubowski  
Joel Peterson

**Staff Present**

Keith D. Crafton, Secretary  
Allison Deegan, Staff  
Eric Hass, Staff  
Diane Tayag, Staff  
Anna Heredia, Recording Secretary

Ms. Maria Calix led the flag salute.

It was **MOVED** by Mr. Ted Edmiston and **SECONDED** by Ms. Suzan Solomon that the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 4, 2015 be approved. Motion carried.

Secretary Keith Crafton stated that we will have representatives from the following districts speak when their agenda item is being discussed: Pomona Unified School District (USD), Lawndale School District (SD), Centinela Valley Union High School District (HSD), Hawthorne School District (SD), and Lancaster School District.

Mr. Crafton reviewed and discussed correspondence contained in the County Committee agenda packets and member folders.
Ms. Helen Morgan, the Superintendent of Hawthorne SD addressed the committee and stated her opposition to the petition.

Mr. Gregory O’Brien, the newly hired Superintendent of Centinela Valley Union High SD addressed the Committee and assured them that he is committed to providing excellent education to the students of his district and noted that was his biggest concern. His other concern was how the small change in boundaries would affect the current at-risk students in his district.

Mr. Bob Cox, the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources in the Centinela Valley Union High SD, also addressed the Committee and stated that all districts have pulled together and have been very supportive of one another.

Ms. Shavonda Webber-Christmas, Chief Petitioner stated that the financial impact would be minimal if the petition was approved and urged the Committee to see the issue as a benefit to the children of this community.

Mr. Crafton stated that a petition was received from the William S. Hart Union High SD and that there have been a series of public hearings. He also reported the public hearing will be held on April 23, 2015. A van pool will be available to transport County Committee Members.

Superintendent Michelle Bowers from Lancaster USD addressed the Committee and gave a presentation on behalf of her district.

Demographer, David Ealy also addressed the Committee and gave his report on the process he used to reach an adoptable map.

Dr. Allison Deegan presented the feasibility report to the Committee.

Mr. AJ Willmer made a motion to approve the petition, seconded by Mr. Ted Edmiston, all in favor. (8-0)

Ms. Suzan Solomon made a motion to approve the map presented by the Lancaster SD, there were 6 Committee members who were in favor, and 2 opposed. Motion carried with a majority vote.
Mr. Richard Martinez, Superintendent of the Pomona USD addressed the Committee and thanked the Committee and Staff for the help they received throughout the process. He stated he assured that the public was well informed and that the district was engaged in listening to the opinions of the public.

Mr. Kasey Haws reiterated the Superintendent’s comments and stated that this is the culmination of a very thoughtful process where there was a great amount of public outreach to get the information out to the public.

Mr. Frank Guzman, a Board Member in the Pomona USD and expressed his thoughts on the process.

Ms. Roberta Pearlman, a Board Member in the Pomona USD also addressed the Committee and stated that the Board and District are working together to ensure success in the incredible responsibility that has been bestowed upon them.

Seventeen parents and community members addressed the Committee with regards to this petition. Fifteen supported the five member plan, with only two individuals supporting a seven member plan.

Ms. Calix thanked the parents, community members and Board Members that were present in Spanish.

Dr. Deegan presented the feasibility report to the Committee.

Ms. Calix made a motion to accept Pomona USD’s petition to establish trustee areas and trustee area voting in the Pomona USD. Seconded by Mr. Frank Ogaz. All in favor, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mr. John Nunez made a motion to vote on John Mendoza’s petition to increase the number of trustees from five to seven, Mr. Willmer seconded the motion. Vote was taken, one committee member in favor, seven were opposed. Motion failed.

Ms. Calix made a motion to accept the number of trustees at five members with the County Office creating its own map, Mr. Nunez seconded. Two committee members in favor, six were opposed. Motion failed.

Ms. Suzan Solomon made a motion to accept the five trustee areas with the map proposed by the Pomona USD, there were six committee members who were in favor and two opposed. Motion carried with a majority vote.
Mr. Crafton reported that all the presentations from the CVRA Forum have been uploaded to the website. Some districts have been inquiring about CVRA.

Ms. Solomon reported that she was in Sacramento and she introduced some proposals to legislators and that she will follow up.

Mr. Crafton reported that we have received a nomination, and that the candidate will be interviewed by Dr. Delgado. The nominee, Nicole Kluft-Drapkin was in the audience and introduced herself to the Committee.

Mr. Crafton directed the Committee to look at AB 803 in their folders which deals with district organization.

Mr. Crafton stated that the website continues to be updated.

No items to report at this time.

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Mr. Crafton informed the Committee there is a van pool for the April 23, 2015 hearing at William S. Hart Union SD.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.