The Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) met on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) in Downey. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m., by Chairperson, Frank Ogaz.

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Susan Andriacchi
Nicole Kluft
Joel Peterson

**Staff Present**

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

Chairperson Ogaz called the meeting to order.

Chairperson Ogaz led the flag salute.

It was **MOVED** by Mr. Frank Bostrom and **SECONDED** by Mr. John Nunez that the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 4, 2017 be approved. Motion carried. Votes are:

- Mr. Frank Bostrom: Yes
- Ms. Maria Calix: Yes
- Mr. Ted Edmiston: Yes
- Mr. AJ Willmer: Yes
- Dr. Owen Griffith: Yes
- Mr. John Nunez: Yes
- Mr. Frank Ogaz: Yes
- Ms. Suzan Solomon: Yes

The oath could not be administered due to Mr. Joel Peterson’s absence at the meeting.

Two members of the public spoke on the petition to transfer territory from the Glendale Unified School District (USD) to the La Canada USD.
Communications

Secretary Keith D. Crafton stated there are several communications in the folders. He stated there is a summary chart regarding SB 415, which is the legislation under which districts are moving to even year elections. He also stated there are several articles regarding the California Voting Rights Act and other School District Organization issues, and also LAFCO correspondence.

Secretary Crafton reported this morning we received the Castaic SD map and final resolution for their proposed trustee area plan. The next step is to schedule a public hearing in the district and then move into a feasibility study and a final presentation of the petition before the Committee. A list of potential hearing dates will be circulated.

Secretary Crafton stated that staff is finalizing the feasibility study relating to this petition and it should be heard at the next meeting.

Secretary Crafton reported staff is continuing to review environmental options on this petition. Several weeks ago we were informed that the Glendale USD and the La Canada USD had resumed negotiations to settle the issue, possibly in the form of their own joint district petition. In order to give these parties time to see if a possible solution can be reached, staff consulted with Chairman Ogaz and he agreed to delay review of this petition. All parties were notified of this delay.

Secretary Crafton reported that despite AB 350, which limits damages for CVRA claims, we are still seeing activity around the state. Many districts are also moving to even-year election dates. Included in the folder is a listing of the districts that have moved so far. Staff is monitoring activity with the Registrar-Recorder’s office.

Secretary Crafton stated there are no current bills to report on, however, the Committee and staff have consulted with LACOE’s Legislative Director regarding a clean-up bill. Staff has also been in contact with Senator Ben Allen’s office.

Secretary Crafton stated that the website continues to be updated, we also have a complete map set available and will update those maps as districts make changes, such as the addition of trustee areas.

Secretary Crafton stated that General Counsel, Viviana Andrade continues to review policies. She could not attend today’s meeting, but would be willing to meet via telephone conference with members of the committee, Mr. Bostrom and Mr. Willmer.
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Secretary Crafton stated there are no updates to report, however, we are expecting something from the Santa Monica-Malibu USD soon, but we have nothing official.

Discussion occurred regarding Joel Peterson’s ability to vote due to the accusations that have been made. All accusations have been taken under consideration and it was determined there is no reason that would keep him from voting on the Petition to Transfer Territory from the Glendale USD to the La Canada USD.

Discussion occurred regarding future CVRA workshops, it was determined there is not a need at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.