The Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) met on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) in Downey. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m., by Chairperson Maria Calix.

**Members Present**

Susan Andriacchi  
Heidi Ashcraft  
Frank Bostrom  
Maria Calix  
Ted Edmiston  
Cherise Moore  
John Nunez  
Suzan T. Solomon  
AJ Willmer

**Members Absent**

Frank Ogaz

**Staff Present**

Keith D. Crafton, Secretary  
Dr. Allison Deegan, Staff  
Eric Hass, Staff  
Anna Heredia, Staff  
Diane Tayag, Staff  
Victoria Bernstein, Staff

Chairperson Ms. Maria Calix called the meeting to order.

Ms. Suzan T. Solomon 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 September 4, 2019 be approved. Motion carried. Votes are:

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Secretary Keith D. Crafton stated that we have several items on the agenda that people have signed up to speak on. We will call the speakers when that agenda item is heard.

**Call to Order**

**Flag Salute**

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2019

Presentations from the Public
Secretary Crafton directed the Committee to their folders for recent articles relating to matters currently before the committee and other related school district organization issues. Included also are communications from the public that were not received in time for the closing of this meeting’s agenda.

Secretary Crafton informed the Committee that the petition was received recently by way of a court order to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting in Compton USD. Staff will be working with the district and its representatives as they go through the public outreach and public hearing process. There is an urgent timeline on this matter and staff will be conducting a feasibility study and scheduling a public hearing in Compton USD in the coming weeks.

Communications

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Petition to Implement Trustee Areas and Trustee Area Voting in the Compton Unified School District (USD)

Secretary Crafton stated staff is scheduling public hearings for this petition and will keep the Committee informed of those timelines. The two public hearings, one in each district, will be held on the same night in October. Following the public hearings, staff will commence a feasibility study on the matter. If the County Committee approves the petition preliminarily, an environmental study under the CEQA will be conducted, followed by a final review.

Petition to Transfer Territory from the Torrance to the Palos Verdes Peninsula USD

Secretary Crafton stated the public hearing for this petition has been scheduled for October 10, 2019, in the Little Lake district. Following the public hearing, staff will commence a feasibility study and bring the issue back before the County Committee for final review.

Petition to Implement Trustee Areas and Trustee Area Voting in the Little Lake City School District (SD)

Secretary Crafton stated the public hearing for this petition has been scheduled for later in October, in the South Whittier district. Following the public hearing, staff will commence a feasibility study and bring the issue back before the County Committee for final review.

Petition to Implement Trustee Areas and Trustee Area Voting in the South Whittier USD

Secretary Crafton stated that staff is commissioning the CEQA environmental review for this petition. When that is completed, the petition will be brought back to the County Committee for final review.

Petition to Transfer Territories between the Sulphur Springs Union SD and the Saugus Union

Christine Wood, attorney for the City of Malibu, addressed the Committee; she stated that negotiations have stalled. She will give an update at the next meeting.

Update on Petition to Form a Malibu USD within the Santa Monica-Malibu USD
Secretary Crafton stated the petition to transfer territory from Glendale USD to La Canada USD was heard by the Committee on May 3, 2017. The CEQA study was presented to the Committee on October 3, 2018. He also stated that members received an additional copy of the CEQA study. Also, Kevin Ferrier from Terry A. Hayes and Associates is here to answer questions regarding the CEQA study before a final vote to approve is taken.

There are 3 speakers on this agenda item.

Mr. John Nunez made a motion to adopt the CEQA study, seconded by Mr. Frank Bostrom. Motion carried. Votes are:

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Motion to Accept the Environmental Study Findings Related to the Petition to Transfer Territory from the Glendale USD to the La Canada USD

Secretary Crafton stated that public hearings, a CEQA study, along with feasibility studies have all taken place. Proponent and Opponent speakers will be asked to line up in order to address the Committee.

In the meeting packet, Committee members received distributions from the chief petitioners along with additional copies of staff’s original feasibility study, a supplemental feasibility report and the CEQA study.

Next, Secretary Crafton introduced Dr. Allison Deegan, who presented the supplemental feasibility report.

Discussion occurred regarding the information presented and also on the nine statutory conditions that are examined in the feasibility study.

Mr. Bostrom made a motion to approve the petition to transfer territory from the Glendale USD to the La Canada USD, seconded by Mr. Ted Edmiston. Motion carried. Votes are:

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Motion to Transfer Territory from the Glendale USD to the La Canada USD
Discussion occurred regarding the voting area.

Mr. Willmer made a motion to accept the Voting Area of La Canada USD and Glendale USD, seconded by Mr. Nunez. Motion did not pass. Votes are:

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Secretary Crafton stated that members of the Policy Review Subcommittee reviewed the newly drafted Bylaws, completed under the guidance of General Counsel, Ms. Vibiana Andrade. They are now waiting for a review of the current policies, and will incorporate them with the bylaws for approval and adoption by the Committee at an upcoming meeting.

Update on the Review of County Committee Policies

Mr. Eric Hass gave an update and stated that moving to trustee areas continues to be the only safe harbor, for most districts.

Mr. Hass gave the following legislative updates:

- SB 212, as of mid September it has been moved forward and presented to Governor Newsome on September 18, but he has not signed it.
- SB 47 was presented to Governor Newsome on September 19 and is waiting for signature.
- SB 585 has not moved since May.
- AB 849 was presented on September 19, and is waiting for signature.
- Secretary Crafton stated there are no updates.

Update on the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA), Trustee Area and Election Issues

Legislative Update

Update on Los Angeles USD Reorganization Proposals.

Update on Los Angeles County Reorganization Proposals, Excluding those affecting the Los Angeles USD
Secretary Crafton stated that nominations for the four upcoming elections have been received. The election will be conducted online and will conclude at the annual LACSTA banquet. This year, the event will be held on October 29, 2019 at Quiet Cannon in Montebello. Please let staff know if you are interested in attending.

Secretary Crafton stated that the dates of upcoming public hearings are being circulated. RSVPs should be submitted to Anna as soon as possible. There will not be a van pool for any of these events.

Mr. Bostrom made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Susan Andriacchi, meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. Motion carried, votes are:

- Ms. Susan Andriacchi: Yes
- Ms. Heidi Ashcraft: Yes
- Mr. Frank Bostrom: Yes
- Ms. Maria Calix: Yes
- Dr. Ted Edmiston: Yes
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Fall 2019 Annual Election

Additional Communications, Concerns, or Items for next Agenda