APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
Regular Meeting
September 4, 2019

The Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) met on Wednesday, September 4, 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
Frank Bostrom
Maria Calix
Ted Edmiston
Cherise Moore
John Nunez
Frank Ogaz
Suzan T. Solomon

Members Absent

Heidi Ashcraft
AJ Willmer

Staff Present

Keith D. Crafton, Secretary
Octavio Castelo, Staff
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. John Nunez and SECONDED by Mr. Frank Ogaz that the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 6, 2019 be approved. Motion carried. Votes are:

Ms. Susan Andriacchi  Yes  Ms. Cherise Moore  Abstain
Mr. Frank Bostrom  Late N/A  Mr. John Nunez  Yes
Ms. Maria Calix  Yes  Mr. Frank Ogaz  Yes
Mr. Ted Edmiston  Yes  Ms. Suzan Solomon  Yes

Secretary Keith D. Crafton stated that we have presentations from the public in regards to Item XII. They will present at the time the agenda item is presented.

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Call to Order
Flag Salute
Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 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. Most articles are related to the California Voting Rights Act. (CVRA)

Secretary Crafton informed the Committee that Attorney, David Soldani would like to address the Committee.

Attorney Soldani representing the petitioner stated that the petition has been withdrawn for the time being.

Secretary Crafton stated that this is an introduction of another petition in the same development as the prior one proposing to transfer 29 parcels from Torrance USD to Palos Verdes. It was submitted jointly by the Torrance USD and the Palos Verdes Peninsula USD. In the coming weeks, staff will work with all parties to schedule public hearings. Following the public hearings, a feasibility study will be conducted and will be presented at an upcoming County Committee meeting.

Secretary Crafton stated that this is petition to proposing to add trustee areas and trustee area voting in the Little Lake School District, it was submitted by the Little Lake School District. In the coming weeks, staff will work with all parties to schedule public hearings. Following the public hearings, a feasibility study will be conducted and will be presented at an upcoming County Committee meeting.

Secretary Crafton stated that this is a petition proposing to add trustee areas and trustee area voting within South Whitter, it was submitted by the South Whittier SD. In the coming weeks, staff will work with all parties to schedule public hearings. Following the public hearings, a feasibility study will be conducted and will be presented at an upcoming County Committee meeting.
Secretary Crafton state that we will review the petition to implement trustee areas and trustee area voting within the Whittier Union High School District.

Dr. Allison Deegan presented the feasibility study and recommended that it be approved.

Several parties in the matter addressed the Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Bostrom and seconded by Mr. John Numez that the Petition to Implement Trustee Areas and Trustee Area Voting in the Whittier Union HSD be approved. Motion carried, votes are:

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Dr. Levitt from National Demographics presented the map to the Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Nunez and seconded by Ms. Solomon to approve the map as presented. Motion carried, votes are:

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Secretary Crafton stated that the district’s trustee area map be conveyed to the Registrar Recorder in order for their November 2020 election to be conducted according to the new trustee areas.
Secretary Crafton stated that a petition was submitted to transfer a number of parcels between the Saugus Union SD and the Sulphur Springs Union SD, both districts are within the William S. Hart Union High School District (UHSD).

Parties involved in the petition addressed the Committee.

Dr. Deegan presented the feasibility report and recommended that the Petition to Transfer Territories between Sulphur Springs Union SD and the Saugus Union SD be preliminarily approved, considering all nine statutory conditions are met.

It was moved by Mr. Bostrom and seconded by Mr. Ogaz that the Petition to Transfer Territories between the Sulphur Springs Union SD and the Saugus Union SD be preliminarily approved. Motion carried, votes are:

- Ms. Susan Andriacchi: Yes
- Ms. Cherise Moore: Yes
- Mr. Frank Bostrom: Yes
- Mr. John Nunez: Yes
- Ms. Maria Calix: Yes
- Mr. Frank Ogaz: Yes
- Mr. Ted Edmiston: Yes
- Ms. Suzan Solomon: Yes

Secretary Crafton stated that given the full agenda we had today and the expectation of a large crowd attending for the final review of the Glendale-La Canada petition, the decision was made to delay hearing that petition until the October 2, 2019, meeting. The expectation is that, at the October 2 meeting, the Committee will vote on acceptance of the findings from the CEQA study and then vote on approval or disapproval of the petition.

Secretary Crafton stated that Dr. Vivian Ekchian is the new Glendale USD Superintendent and that staff provided a review of the petition process for her last month.

Secretary Crafton also stated that any additional materials or communications sent to the Committee related to this petition will be reviewed by staff and sent to the Committee as part of the next agenda package.

Several parties in the matter addressed the Committee.

Christine Wood, Attorney for the City of Malibu addressed the Committee and stated that we can expect them to appear at the October 2 meeting and provide an update on their ongoing negotiations. 
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.

Secretary Crafton stated staff will provide an update.

Mr. Eric Hass stated that there is a significant amount of CVRA activity in Northern California.

Secretary Crafton stated that Senator Ben Allen is no longer on the education subcommittee.

Secretary Crafton stated staff will provide and update.

Mr. Eric Hass stated that SB 47 continues to move forward, SB 212 is coming to a third reading. AB 849 is heading to a third reading as well. SB 585 has had no movement.

Secretary Crafton stated there are no updates.

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Secretary Crafton stated that the County Committee is taking nominations for four upcoming elections. Nominations will close on September 11. It will be an online election and will conclude at the annual LACSTA banquet. The event will be held on October 29, 2019, at The Quiet Cannon in Montebello.

Mr. Bostrom made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Cherise Moore. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Motion carried, votes are:

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