

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Orange County Board of Education was called to order by President Barke at 2:34 p.m., June 3, 2026, in the Board Room, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 and via YouTube live stream <https://www.youtube.com/live/OFgCDbJFhWw>

ROLL CALL

Present:
Jorge Valdes, Esq.
Tim Shaw
Mari Barke
Lisa Sparks, Ph.D.

Absent:
Ken L. Williams, D.O. (arrived at approximately 3:17 p.m.)

AGENDA

Motion by Sparks, seconded by Shaw, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Williams Absent) to approve the agenda for the June 3, 2026, Regular Meeting.

MINUTES

Motion by Sparks, seconded by Shaw, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Williams Absent) to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of May 6, 2026.

TIME CERTAIN

The Board recessed into closed session at 2:35 p.m. to conduct student appeal hearings.

1. Inter-district Appeal Hearing (Closed) – Student # 06032026001I– Irvine Unified District to Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Williams Absent) to approve the appeal and allow the student to attend the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for the period of one academic year (2026-2027).

2. Inter-district Appeal Hearing (Closed) – Student #06032026002I– Santa Ana Unified School District to Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Williams Absent) to approve the appeal and allow the student to attend the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for the period of one academic year (2026-2027).

Note

Trustee Williams arrived at approximately 3:17 p.m.

3. Inter-district Appeal Hearing (Closed) – Student #06032026003I– Irvine Unified School District to Newport-Mesa Unified School District.
Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the appeal and allow the student to attend the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for the period of one academic year (2026-2027).

4. Inter-district Appeal Hearing (Closed) – Students #06032026004I & 06032026005I – Tustin Unified School District to Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the appeal and allow the student No. 06032026004I to attend the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for the period of one academic year (2026-2027).

Motion by Barke, seconded by Shaw, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the appeal and allow the student No. 06032026005I to attend the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for the period of one academic year (2026-2027).

5. Inter-district Appeal Hearing (Closed) – Student #06032026006I – Huntington Beach Union High School District to Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

Motion by Sparks, seconded by Barke, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the appeal and allow the student to attend the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for the period of one academic year (2026-2027).

The Board reconvened in open session at 5:07 p.m.

INVOCATION

Rabbi Karen Sherman
Heritage Pointe, Mission Viejo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Lisa Sparks

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (General)

- Cara
- Katherine
- Scott
- Ronna
- Heidi

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Williams, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar items No. 6 through No. 8.

6. Approve the granting of diplomas to the students listed from Alternative, Community, and Correctional Education Schools and Services, Alternative Education Division.
7. Approve the signing of the certificates of merit and letters of commendation for Dr. Chester Jeng and John Shook.
8. Approve the 2026-2027 Addendum to Agreement for the Sheehy Strategy Group.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

9. Charter submissions - Excel Academy Charter School (Appeal Petition)
10. Charter School Public Hearing – California Online Public Schools Southern California Countywide Charter Petition
Aracely Chastain, Executive Director, Charter Schools Unit, facilitated the public hearing.
 - Richie Romero, Co-Superintendent
11. Motion by Sparks, seconded by Valdes, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Option I, approve the charter petition for the California Online Public Schools Southern California Countywide Charter Petition.

Note

Vice President Tim Shaw recused himself from Item No. 12.

12. Motion by Barke, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Shaw Abstained) to approve the Agreement addressing the operational relationship between the parties at its June 3, 2026, meeting.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

13. Motion by Valdes, seconded by Sparks, and carried by a vote of 3-2 (Valdes, Sparks, and Barke voted Yes; Williams and Shaw voted No) to approve an increase in Board Member monthly compensation to \$2,000 per month for each regular member of the Board of Education, effective January 1, 2026 consistent with Education Code Section 1090(a)(2) as amended by Assembly Bill No. 1390 (Chapter 639).

PRESENTATIONS

14. Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Presentation – Analee Kredel, Associate Superintendent of Connections & Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin, Chief of ACCESS, conducted the presentation regarding the LCAP for the Orange County Department of Education.
15. Public Hearing – Analee Kredel, Associate Superintendent of Connections and Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin, Chief of ACCESS, conducted a public hearing regarding the Orange County Department of Education LCAP.

The hearing was opened at 6:12 p.m. There being no input from the audience, the hearing was closed at 6:13 p.m.

16. Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Presentation – Fatinah Judeh, Principal, conducted the presentation regarding the LCAP for the College and Career Preparatory Academy.
17. Public Hearing – Analee Kredel, Associate Superintendent of Connections conducted a public hearing regarding the College and Career Preparatory Academy Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

The hearing was opened at 6:27 p.m. There being no input from the audience, the hearing was closed at 6:28 p.m.

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18. Budget Presentation – David Giordano, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services conducted the presentation regarding the Orange County Department of Education budget for 2026-2027 fiscal year.
 19. Public Hearing – David Giordano, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services conducted a public hearing regarding the Orange County Department of Education budget for 2026-2027 fiscal year.

The hearing was opened at 7:01 p.m. There being no input from the audience, the hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- Salary Increases over \$10,000 in accordance with Education Code 1302 and board policy 100-10 received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Superintendent
 - Highlighted key initiatives and progress related to the OCDE 5-3-1 Strategic Plan, including the establishment of key performance indicators (KPIs) for strategic priority areas.
 - Highlighted the importance of literacy across content areas as a foundational component of student success.
 - Recognized eighth-grade AVID standouts and noted a partnership with the Angels Baseball Foundation, which provided scholarships and laptop computers to participating students.
 - Reported on a partnership with Chapman University to strengthen leadership and workforce inclusion efforts for individuals with disabilities.
 - Provided an update on OCDE's response to the Garden Grove evacuation incident, including the activation of emergency communication protocols, temporary closure of impacted ACCESS school sites, and coordination with local school districts, public safety agencies, and the California Department of Education.

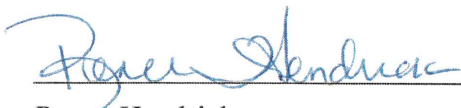
- Noted that an internal after-action review was conducted following the incident and that OCDE will continue to prioritize student and school safety and emergency preparedness.
- Deputy Superintendent
 - Next board meeting is Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 5:00 p.m. and the submission deadline is Wednesday, June 3. Board packet delivery is Friday, June 12.
 - Applications received for the Board liaison position and that a panel would be convened to assist with the screening and interview process.
 - Three interdistrict appeals are scheduled for consideration at the next Board meeting on June 17.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

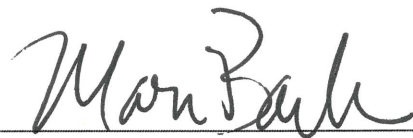
- Trustee Valdes commented on concerns raised during public comments regarding the ACCESS program and shared a personal update regarding his son's recent baseball achievement.
- Trustee Sparks recognized the graduation ceremonies she attended and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate in and celebrate student achievements.
- Board Vice President Shaw shared that he attended several graduation ceremonies and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate in his son's diploma presentation.
- President Barke shared updates on graduation ceremonies and school events she attended and expressed appreciation for the student achievements and educational programs highlighted during those visits.
- Trustees congratulated colleagues on their recent election results and candidacies for public office.
- Trustee Williams shared highlights from a recent trip to Rome, including delivering a lecture at a professional conference and visiting historical and religious sites.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made and seconded, June 3, 2026, board meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Renee Hendrick
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education



Mari Barke
President, Board of Education

Next Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Location - Orange County Department of Education, Boardroom, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 and via YouTube Livestream

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