

MODIFIED MEETING PROCEDURES FOR JUNE 24, 2020:

As per Executive Order N-29-20 from Governor Newsom, the Orange County Board of Education meetings will move to a virtual/teleconferencing environment using Zoom. The purpose of the Governor's executive order is to control the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and to reduce and minimize the risk of infection by "limiting attendance at public assemblies, conferences, or other mass events." The Governor's executive order on March 12, 2020, already waived the requirement for a majority of board members to physically participate in a public board meeting at the same location.

The intent is not to limit public participation, but rather to protect public health by following the Governor's Stay at Home executive order and the Orange County's Safer at Home order. Members of the public will be permitted to attend this meeting in person, but due to social distancing there is limited seating. Once the meeting room is at capacity, no one will be admitted.

Individuals with disabilities in need of copies of the agenda and/or the agenda packet or in need of reasonable modification or accommodations, consistent with the Americans with Disability Act, may request assistance by contacting Darou Sisavath, Board Clerk at (714) 966-4012. Complaints regarding requests for reasonable modifications or accommodations will be swiftly addressed.

Instructions for observing the meeting and making public comments via virtual/ teleconference

To observe the board meeting use the following information:

- At the start time for the meeting, click on this link <https://ocde.zoom.us/j/84727882227> or
- Go to www.Zoom.us and enter the Meeting ID: 847 2788 2227 or
- Connect via phone (audio only) 1 (669) 900-6833 and enter the Meeting ID: 847 2788 2227.

If you wish to make a public comment at the June 24, 2020 meeting, please follow these instructions:

1. Submit a speaker card attached with your public comments to ocbe@ocde.us. Only comments received by 4:00 p.m., June 23, 2020 will be read during the meeting by a staff member. Comments received after 4:00 p.m. but prior to discussion of an item on the agenda will be added to the official transcript but not read into the record. The time limit for public comments outlined in board policy still applies. Public Comments will be read in the order received.
2. Speakers will fill in their name and select if they wish to address the board regarding a specific agenda item or during General Public Comments.
3. Speakers are asked to attend the board meeting virtually through the Zoom invitation link at the top of the agenda.
4. When it is time for Public Comments, their name will be identified and the comment will be read into the transcript.
5. As with all meetings, once discussion begins on an agenda item, anyone who wishes to submit a public comment may do so during the meeting, but these will not be read. Public comments received during the meeting will be added to the official transcript.



REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Speaker Card

Please Print

Date _____

Agenda Item # _____ or General Topic _____

Name _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

School District(s) of Residence _____

Do you have school age children? Yes _____ No _____

Do your children attend public schools? Yes _____ No _____

**Timer
Information**

GREEN

Start with 3
minutes

YELLOW

1 minute
remaining

RED

Time is up

Members of the public may address the Board of Education regarding any agenda and/or off-agenda items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Education provided that NO action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments shall be limited to 3 minutes per person per meeting and 45 minutes for all comments. 30 minutes of Public Comments will be heard prior to Board Business and 15 minutes will be heard prior to adjournment.

Please complete and submit this card along with any handouts to the Recording Secretary prior to speaking.

Thank you!

SPECIAL MEETING/ PUBLIC HEARING

June 24, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Location:

The public meeting will be conducted onsite with limited seating at 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92880 and via virtual/ teleconferencing (www.Zoom.us, ID: 847 2788 2227 (<https://ocde.zoom.us/j/84727882227>) or phone: 1 (669) 900-6833, ID: 847 2788 2227

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Board Meeting / Public Hearing

School Reopening

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER: For the benefit of the record, this Regular Meeting of the Orange County Board of Education is called to order.

ROLL CALL

(*)AGENDA

Regular Meeting of June 24, 2020 – adoption

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SPECIAL MEETING FORMAT

6:30 p.m.	Call to Order
6:35 p.m.	Public Comments
7:05 p.m.	Board President hands meeting to Meeting Facilitator, William Swaim
7:05 p.m.	Facilitator provides overview of meeting format
7:10 pm	Expert Panel introductions (Experts will be present on zoom or physically present in board room).
7:15 pm - 7:57 pm	Expert Panel Opening remarks (3 min per panelist)
7:57 pm - 8:22 pm	Board begins first Round-robin questions to panelist (5 min per Trustee)
8:22-8:32 p.m.	Break (Optional)

8:32 pm – 9:00 pm Public questions and/or Board begins second Round-robin questions to panelist again
(3 min per Trustee)

8:57 pm - 9:30 pm Closing Remarks 3 minutes per each expert panelists.

9:30 pm Moderator thanks panel & hands back meeting to Board President

9:30 pm Board President closes meeting

ADJOURNMENT



Nina Boyd
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education

Next Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held via virtual/teleconferencing environment.

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(*) Printed items included in materials mailed to Board Members

Orange County Board of Education

Expert Panel on School Reopening

June 24th, 2020

Mission

To provide guidance and recommendations to Orange County school districts on the safe and effective reopening of public schools.

Goals

1. To conduct with public input a transparent and open discussion aimed at understanding the challenges and opportunities of getting our students back to school.
2. To provide specific guidance to the OCBE from a variety of perspectives.
3. To evaluate current best-practice recommendations.
4. To use data and science to dispel myths and fear.
5. Through bi-weekly meetings, to provide ongoing guidance as more information and data become available. To gather this information in a “white paper” to help Orange County school districts with their reopening decisions.

First Principles

- Delaying the opening of public schools until a cure or a vaccination for Covid-19 is developed is unacceptable.
- Social distancing of children – who generally represent the lowest risk cohort for Covid – is unacceptable..
- Requiring children to wear masks during school is not only impossible to implement but not based on science and could be potentially harmful. It's therefore unacceptable.
- Participation in any reopening of public education is voluntary. Parents, not government officials, are in the best position to determine the education that best suits their children. If a school district is unable or unwilling to provide that education, parents will be allowed to send their children to a district or charter school that will provide that education.

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Special Board Meeting / Opening Orange County Schools

June 24, 2020

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Format

6:30 p.m.	<i>Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance</i>
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7:15- 7:57	<i>Expert Panel Opening remarks (3 min per panelist)</i>
7:57- 8:22 p.m.	<i>Board begins first Round-robin questions to panelist, (3 min per Trustee)</i> <i>(Begin with Sparks, Williams, Gomez, Bedell and Barke)</i>
8:22-8:32 p.m.	<i>Break (Optional)</i>
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Public Forum- School Opening Schools in Orange County
June 24th, 2020

Will Swaim- Public Forum moderator-

Will Swaim is president of the California Policy Center. A journalist for nearly three decades, he began by covering international business in 1990. He hosts National Review's weekly Radio Free California Podcast and was more recently editor of Watchdog, a national network of state-based investigative reporters, and vice president of journalism at Watchdog's nonprofit parent, the Washington, D.C.-based Franklin Center for Government & Public Integrity. Will graduated summa cum laude in journalism and with honors in theology from the University of Southern California.

He earned an MA in history from UC Irvine where he was a California Regents Fellow. A seventh-generation Californian, Swaim has written extensively about California business, media, politics and religion; is the winner of several print journalism awards and a Southern California Broadcasters Golden Mike award for public affairs commentary.

Don Wagner, J.D.-OC Supervisor-

Supervisor Donald P. Wagner was re-elected to the third Supervisorial district seat in March 2020. He represents nearly 600,000 residents in the thriving communities of Orange County's Third District: Anaheim Hills, Irvine, Orange, Tustin, North Tustin, Villa Park, Yorba Linda, and the unincorporated canyons. A vigorous advocate of public safety, Don was elected to public office for his ability to bring people together and solve local challenges

As a practicing attorney, community college district trustee, state legislator, and past Mayor of Irvine from late 2016 – 2019, Don's twenty years in public service reflects an impressive commitment to fiscal responsibility, public safety, educational excellence, and economic growth

Steven Abelowitz, M.D., F.A.A.P.- Community Pediatrician

Dr. Abelowitz is past Pediatric Department Chair, Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian. He attended medical school at the Hebrew University, and completed his internship and residency at the University of California, Irvine Medical Center. He is board certified in Pediatric Medicine and Medical Director of Coastal Kids Pediatric Medical Group in Newport Beach, Irvine, Laguna Niguel, and Ladera Ranch. Dr. Steven Abelowitz, M.D. is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and board certified in Pediatric Medicine.

Dr. Abelowitz' honors include the Top Doctors Across America Award, 2002 and America's Top Pediatricians Award, 2004-2005. He is board certified in Pediatrics. He and has been practicing pediatrics for over 20 years. His philosophy of care is to provide children with experienced and excellent care in a gentle and compassionate environment from birth through adolescence preparing them for a healthy adulthood. He is specifically interested in ADD and ADHD. Dr. Abelowitz also speaks Hebrew and Afrikaans.

Simone Gold, M.D., J.D. – Health Policy Attorney and Emergency Medicine Specialist

Simone Gold, MD, JD, is a board-certified emergency physician in Los Angeles, California. She graduated from Chicago Medical School before attending Stanford University Law School to earn her Juris Doctorate degree. She completed her residency in Emergency Medicine at Stony Brook University Hospital in New York. Dr. Gold has had a life-long interest in health policy, and worked in Washington D.C. for the former Surgeon General, as well as for the Chairman of the Labor & Human Resources Committee.

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She worked as a physician advisor determining inpatient or outpatient status, and as a physician-attorney advocate for hospital-clients with Medicare and Medicaid appeals. She is a published author and editor of several magazine and newspaper articles. She lives in Beverly Hills, California with her two sons.

Larry Sand-Education Policy

Larry Sand started his teaching career in New York in 1971. Beginning in 1985, he taught elementary school as well as English, math, history and ESL in the Los Angeles Unified School District, where he also served as a Title 1 Coordinator. Retired in 2009, he is the president of the nonprofit California Teachers Empowerment Network (CTEN) – a nonpartisan, non-political group dedicated to providing teachers with reliable and balanced information about professional affiliations and positions on educational issues. In 2011, realizing that parents, taxpayers and others frequently receive faulty information from the mainstream media, CTEN expanded its mission to help the general public understand the array of educational issues facing our country today.

Sherry Kropp, Ed.D.-Los Alamitos Unified School District Superintendent (Ret.)

Dr. Sherry Kropp has been serving in Los Alamitos Unified School District since 1985 and has been the Superintendent since 2011, she retired in 2019. She began her career in 1978 as an English, math, and biology teacher coach before returning to Southern California where she grew up and graduated from high school.

Prior to being named LAUSD Superintendent, she was a teacher, assistant principal, and interim principal at Los Alamitos High School, a principal at a continuation High School, and a Director and Assistant Superintendent at LAUSD. She was selected as the Teacher of the Year twice while teaching in Washington, Administrator of the Year while the Principal at Laurel, and received the Honorary Service Award twice, as the Assistant Principal and as the Superintendent. She has a Bachelor's degree in English, a Master's degree in Educational Administration, and a Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership.

Michael A. Shires, Ph.D.- Public Policy

Mike Shires is associate dean for strategy and special projects and an Associate Professor at Pepperdine University School of Public Policy. Shires has a long record of success finding new strategies and solutions to problems across a wide range of organizations, from small and mid-sized businesses to nonprofit organizations and think tanks to local communities and governments. He brings an innovative systems-based approach to build linkages and processes that create new strategies for accomplishing institutional goals. He has worked with numerous startups in the public and private sector and has a solid record of designing institutional processes and systems for results. Over the last 25 years, he has worked extensively with and within new organizations with line responsibility for developing management and educational systems.

His research spans the broad spectrum of public finance, ranging from economic development issues at the street level to the overall funding landscape of local and state government. He has published extensively on state and local government finance in California, K-12 education policy and higher education policy. His research includes not only the nuts and bolts of state and local governance and finance, but also the ethics and politics of decision-making at these levels

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Clayton Chau, M.D., Ph.D., -Director, Orange County Public Health Agency-Zoom

Dr. Chau received his medical degree from the University of Minnesota in 1994, and his PhD in Clinical Psychology from Chelsea University in 2004. He completed his psychiatry residency at the University of California, Los Angeles/San Fernando Valley followed by a fellowship with the National Institute of Mental Health in psychoneuroimmunology focusing on substance use disorder and HIV. Additionally, he has served as an Associate Clinical Professor and Lecturer at a variety of renowned academic institutions including the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of California, Irvine. Dr. Chau has conducted international trainings in the areas of health care integration, health care system reform, cultural competency and mental health policy. He is currently Orange County top public health official.

Michael Eilbert, M.D.- Hospitalist and Internal Medicine-Zoom

Dr. Michael J. Eilbert is a board certified internist and hospitalist practicing medicine in Newport Beach, California at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian. He received his medical degree from USC and undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley. He completed his medicine residency at the University of Washington. He has been in private practice for more than 20 years in Orange County. During the Covid 19 Wuhan Virus pandemic, Dr. Eilbert is actively involved in the treatment and care of acute Covid-19 positive patients. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Medical Association (OCMA) and President-elect to OCMA.

Mike Fitzgibbons, M.D.- Hospitalist and Infectious Disease Specialist

Dr. Fitzgibbons is a hospitalist and an Infectious Disease specialist practicing medicine in central Orange County for over three decades. He is on staff at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange. He is a graduate of Georgetown Medical School and completed his residency and fellowship at UC Irvine Medical Center. During the Covid 19 Wuhan Virus pandemic, Dr. Fitzgibbons has been actively involved in the treatment and care of acute Covid 19 positive patients. He is an expert on infectious pathogens and their associated morbidity and mortality. Dr. Fitzgibbons is a delegate to the California Medical Association and active in public policy on health and medical issues with the state and county medical associations.

Joel Kotkin- Urban Studies Chapman University

Mr. Kotkin is the Presidential Fellow in Urban Futures at Chapman University in Orange, California and Executive Director of the Houston-based Urban Reform Institute — *formerly* Center for Opportunity Urbanism (UrbanReformInstitute.org). He is Senior Advisor to the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute. He is Executive Editor of the widely read website Newgeography that contributes to the awareness of our communities at home and work. He is a regular contributor to the City Journal, Daily Beast, Quillette, American Affairs and Real Clear Politics. Kotkin is intimately knowledgeable about the impact of the Wuhan Corona virus in Orange County. He has extensive experience and knowledge how this pandemic has destroyed lives and businesses in Orange County.

Mark McDonald, M.D.-Clinical Psychiatrist, Medical-Legal Expert

Dr. McDonald is a UCLA-trained double board-certified physician in both child & adolescent and adult psychiatry. He is currently in active private practice with extensive additional training in adult psychoanalysis. He graduated from medical school from the Medical College of Wisconsin, and completed his residency training at the University of Cincinnati and Child and Adolescent fellowship at Harbor-UCLA.

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Dr. McDonald is experienced in academic psychiatry, community mental health, inpatient psychiatry, residential treatment, incarcerated juvenile treatment, and private practice outpatient care. He lived and worked in Europe, Asia, and Central America--proficient in Japanese, Spanish, and French. His undergraduate education is in classical music, history, and literature. He also provides medical-legal well as expert witness testimony for child and adult emotional injury cases, representing both plaintiff and defense. He has been in private practice in Los Angeles specializing in child and adolescent psychiatry since 2013. He is currently on the Psychiatric staff at St. Elizabeth Hospital.