

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

August 24, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Board Room

*The public meeting will be conducted onsite with limited seating at 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92880 and via YouTube live stream at <https://youtu.be/t0DbeIv2PwY>*

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Special Board Meeting/Public Hearing  
California Ethnic Study (ESC) and Critical Race Theory (CRT) Forum  
AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

(\*)AGENDA

Special Meeting of August 24, 2021 – adoption

WELCOME

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(30 minutes – 2 minutes each)

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

FORUM FORMAT

Board President Hands Meeting to Facilitator – Harriette Reid

Moderator provides overview of meeting format

Introduction of panel

Opening Remarks (12 minutes per panelist)  
(start right to left)

Board begins first round-robin questions to panelist (6 minutes per Trustee)  
(start with Gomez, Shaw, Barke, Williams, Sparks)

Break

Closing Remarks (12 minutes per panelist)

(start left to right)

Moderator thanks panel and hands back meeting to Board President

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(2 minutes each)

Board President closes meeting

ADJOURNMENT



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Nina Boyd  
Assistant Secretary

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**Harriette Reid-Moderator**



Harriette Reid was born in Birmingham, Alabama and moved to Southern California with her family in 1959. She is a retired professional most recently from the human resources field for a large church and charitable organization. Over her career, she has worked in various fields including with developmentally disabled children, in financial sales and marketing, and in sales and outreach for a large space agency. Harriette loves America and plans to work hard to ensure that this country maintains the freedoms that so many have fought and died for since its inception.

**Mark McDonald, M.D.-Confirmed**



Born and raised in Los Angeles, Dr. McDonald graduated from Loyola High School and studied classical cello and world literature at UC Berkeley before beginning medical training at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He completed medical school and an adult psychiatry residency program at the University of Cincinnati, and child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at Harbor-UCLA in Los Angeles.

Dr. McDonald expertise is in working with children with autism and trauma, as well as obsessive-compulsive and bipolar disorders. When evaluating children, he works closely with the family, school, pediatrician, and therapist to ensure a complete evaluation before making any recommendations for treatment.

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Dr. McDonald uses a structural systems approach in working with couples and families in therapy, and and studied for eight years in psychoanalysis at the Psychoanalytic Center of California.

Having worked and studied for several years in Switzerland, Japan, France, and Mexico, he speaks French, Spanish, and Japanese. He has trained in the martial arts, including Krav Maga, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, and Aikido.

He is in private psychiatric practice in West LA, and provides psychiatric medical-legal opinions

**James A. Lindsay, Ph.D.- CONFIRMED**



**Dr. Lindsay** is an American mathematician, author, and cultural critic. He was born in new York and raised in Tennessee. He obtained his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Tennessee in 2010. His doctoral thesis is titled "Combinatorial Unification of Binomial-Like Arrays." He is the author of several books and articles that have been published in major newspaper around the world.

**Elina Kaplan-Confirmed**



**Elina Kaplan** is the President of the [Alliance for Constructive Ethnic Studies \(ACES\)](#), a non-partisan grassroots coalition. ACES is working to ensure that K-12 Ethnic Studies builds bridges of understanding,

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inspires mutual respect, confronts racism, and is free from political agendas. Elina has managed nonprofit organizations for over a decade. Most recently, she led the Social Services division of MidPen Housing, one of California's largest affordable housing nonprofits. In this role, she set the strategic direction and supervised the delivery of social services and cultural programming for tens of thousands of residents across a wide spectrum of low income ethnic groups, from children to senior adults. Prior to that, Elina served as Chief Program Officer at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, overseeing all programming, including Early Childhood Education, Youth and Teens, Cultural Arts, and Seniors.

Prior to the nonprofit world, Elina worked in the high tech industry. She led the team (Oracle) that created the first graphical user interface to a database. While at Accent Software, she established the first ever Israeli-Palestinian software partnership.

Elina immigrated from the Former Soviet Union as a teen. She holds an MBA from Stanford University and B.S. degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science from Duke University.

**Joe Nalven, Ph.D.-Confirmed**



**Dr. Joseph Nalven** is a cultural anthropologist and a mediator with extensive experience in developing cross-cultural understanding for students and others. He was the Associate Director of SDSU's Institute for Regional Studies of the Californias, as well as conducting research for the Chicano community's Institute of Chicano Urban Affairs. Nalven has taught cultural anthropology at both the community-college and university level, covering subjects such as race and ethnicity, sex and gender, indigenous religions, and peace and justice. He has given public lectures on Franz Boas, one of the main opponents of scientific racism that flourished over 100 years ago, as well as on the grounding of a non-divisive approach to California's Model Ethnic Studies Curriculum.

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**D Horton-Confirmed**



**D.A. Horton** currently serves as the Program Director of Intercultural Studies and Assistant Professor at California Baptist University. He is also an Associate Teaching Pastor at the Grove Community Church in Riverside, CA. He received BA from Calvary Bible College, and MS from Calvary Theological Seminary. He is currently finishing his PhD in Applied Theology with a North American Missions emphasis (Missiology) at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. His dissertation is titled, *The Quantitative and Qualitative Measuring of Spiritual Capital Among Latinas/os in Higher Education*. He has authored eight books, with his ninth to be released in early 2022. He is of Mexican-Choctaw heritage. He and his best friend, Elicia have been married for 18 years, and they have three children