

ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION  
MINUTES  
Public Hearing and Special Meeting  
January 18, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

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The Special Meeting of the Orange County Committee on School District Organization was called to order by Chairperson Shelia Henness at 6:09 p.m., January 18, 2012 in Room 212 of the Student Services Center at Saddleback College in the South Orange County Community College District, 28000 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo, California.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Meg Cutuli.

3. ROLL CALL

*Present:*

Shelia Henness, Chairperson	Jo-Ann Purcell
Sheila Benecke	James Reed
Meg Cutuli	Robert Singer
Karin Freeman	Virginia Wilson
Barbara Michel	

*Absent:*

Carolyn McInerney and Dean McCormick

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Virginia Wilson, seconded by Karin Freeman, and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present to adopt the agenda as presented.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion by Karin Freeman, seconded by Virginia Wilson, and approved by an 8-0 vote, with James Reed abstaining, to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2011 meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Henness asked Dr. Wendy Benkert, Secretary to the County Committee, to give a brief staff report on the South Orange County Community College Realignment/Rearrangement Plan.

Dr. Benkert explained that on November 16, 2011 the South Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees passed a resolution proposing that the Orange County Committee on School District Organization realign/rearrange their trustee area boundaries.

On November 28, 2011 OCDE staff received the board-approved resolution, proposed plan and map. Dr. Benkert explained that tonight the County Committee would hold a public hearing for comments/input, hear a presentation from the community college's demographic consultant, and then vote to approve or disapprove the realignment plan submitted.

Chairperson Henness opened the public hearing.

Ms. Deborah Diep, Director for the Center for Demographic Research, began on behalf of the South Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees with a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed plan and new map.

After the presentation, Chairperson Henness asked if there was anyone else in the room who wanted to make any public comments. There being none, she closed the public hearing.

Members of the County Committee then asked several clarifying and procedural questions of Ms. Diep.

Sheila Benecke moved to approve the South Orange County Community College Trustee Area Realignment Plan as submitted, seconded by Karin Freeman. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved 9-0 by all members present.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Chairperson Henness asked Dr. Benkert, to give the committee an update on the Rocking Horse Ridge II transfer of territory petition previously discussed at the last committee meeting.

Dr. Benkert stated that residents from the Rocking Horse Ridge II community located in North Tustin had been in contact with our office since early 2010 wanting to petition a transfer of territory from the Orange USD to the Tustin USD.

On December 16, 2011 chief petitioner, Mr. Bob Winters, delivered a completed petition package along with 171 signatures to OCDE. The package was then submitted to the Registrar of Voters office for signature verification.

On January 13, 2012 OCDE staff received official notification from the Registrar that the petition was valid. According to Education Code 35705, a public hearing must be held in each of the affected districts within 60 days. Staff is working with the 2 district offices for tentative dates and locations.

8. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

9. NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Henness stated that there are currently no other meetings scheduled but they would be meeting within the next 60 days regarding the Rocking Horse Ridge II transfer of territory.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Virginia Wilson, seconded by Barbara Michel and carried by a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business Chairperson Henness adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.