

ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
MINUTES

Public Hearing and Special Meeting
November 2, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

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The Annual Organizational Meeting of the Orange County Committee on School District Organization was called to order by Chairperson Shelia Henness at 6:00 p.m., November 2, 2011 in the Board Room at the Orange County Department of Education, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barbara Michel.

3. ROLL CALL

Present:

Shelia Henness, Chairperson	Barbara Michel
Sheila Benecke	Jo-Ann Purcell
Meg Cutuli	Dean McCormick
Karin Freeman	Robert Singer
Carolyn McInerney	Virginia Wilson

Absent:

James Reed

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Carolyn McInerney, seconded by Sheila Benecke, and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present to adopt the agenda as presented.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion by Carolyn McInerney, seconded by Virginia Wilson, and approved by a 9-0 vote, with Bob Singer abstaining, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2011 meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Henness asked Dr. Wendy Benkert, Secretary to the County Committee, to give an update on the results from the Nominating Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 and to conduct the election for committee chairperson.

Dr. Benkert recapped the annual County Committee elections. She explained that Nominating Committee members were given the option to vote via absentee ballot or traditional paper ballot. In all, 22 of 31 ballots were cast, 10 in-person and 12 absentee. Dr. Benkert congratulated the following members on their re-election to the County Committee:

- Virginia Wilson, 2nd Supervisorial district
- Karin Freeman, 3rd Supervisorial district
- Shelia Henness, 5th Supervisorial district

Dr. Benkert then administered the oath of office to the three returning members. Dr. Benkert then conducted the election for committee chairperson. A nomination was made by Shelia Benecke for Shelia Henness, seconded by Dean McCormick, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

Chairperson Shelia Henness then conducted the election for vice-chairperson. A nomination was made by Jo-Ann Purcell for Sheila Benecke, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

7. OLD BUSINESS

(A) Ms. Karen Meyers, legal counsel, gave the Committee an update on the proposed changes to by-laws 311 (Motion Carried) and 312 (Abstentions/Conflict of Interest). Ms. Meyers presented the final version of possible changes to the by-laws. (Version 2)

(B) The County Committee members discussed the proposed changes.

(C) Vote on proposed changes to By-laws 311 and 312. Motion by Virginia Wilson, seconded by Karin Freeman, and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present to approve Version 2 of the by-law changes as presented.

8. DISCUSSION SESSION

(A) Ms. Karen Meyers, legal counsel, gave the Committee an update on two new pieces of legislation; Senate Bill 821 and Assembly Bill 684.

(B) Dr. Benkert gave the committee an update on other redistricting/trustee realignments going on in other districts in the county. She explained that the Center for Demographic Research (CDR) is working with a few of the community colleges to examine their trustee areas. Staff was contacted by staff from the South Orange County Community College District and provided information regarding redistricting.

9. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

10. NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Henness stated that there are currently no other meetings scheduled for the County Committee.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sheila Benecke, 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 6:34 p.m.

All documents submitted to the County Committee prior to, during and subsequent to this public hearing have been posted on the County Committee's website at <http://www.ocde.us/CCSDO/Pages/Meeting-Agendas.aspx> and are available for viewing and/or downloading. An audio recording of this meeting is also available upon request.