

ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
MINUTES
Annual Organizational Meeting
November 7, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

The Annual Organizational Meeting of the Orange County Committee on School District Organization was called to order by Chairperson Sheila Benecke at 6:04 p.m., November 7, 2018 in the Building D Room 1001 of the Orange County Department of Education, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, California, 92626.

2. FLAG SALUTE The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Meg Cutuli.

3. ROLL CALL Chairperson Benecke requested Laurie Weiss to take roll.

Present:

Sheila Benecke, Chairperson	Marilyn Buchi
Meg Cutuli	Karin Freeman, Vice-Chairperson
Kathy Moffat	Jo-Ann Purcell
Francine Scinto	Suzie Swartz
Josephine "Joey" Van Camp	

Absent:

Robert Singer	Virginia Wilson
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4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA Motion by Suzie Swartz, seconded by Meg Cutuli, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present to adopt the agenda as presented.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES Motion by Meg Cutuli, seconded by Joey Van Camp, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present, approving the County Committee minutes of the June 20, 2018 meeting.

Chairperson Benecke noted that no members of the public were present for public comment.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Organizational Meeting

1. Chairperson Benecke asked Mr. Chris Lombardo, Secretary to the County Committee, to report on the results from the Nominating Committee meeting.

Mr. Lombardo explained that on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, the Nominating Committee met for the annual County Committee elections. Elections were held for the 2nd and 4th Supervisorial member seats.

Nominating Committee Members were given the option to vote via absentee ballot or traditional paper ballot. In all, 20 ballots were cast, 13 ballots were cast via absentee, and 7 ballots were cast in-person.

Mr. Lombardo congratulated the two re-elected members:

- Meg Cutuli representing the 2nd Supervisorial District
- Marilyn Buchi representing the 4th Supervisorial District

2. Chairperson Benecke then administered the oath of office to re-elected members: Meg Cutuli and Marilyn Buchi. Chairperson Benecke congratulated the re-elected members.
3. Mr. Lombardo then sought nominations for the position of Chairperson. A nomination was made by Meg Cutuli for Sheila Benecke to continue to serve as Chairperson, seconded by Suzie Swartz, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present. Chairperson Benecke then conducted the election for Vice-Chairperson. A nomination was made by Meg Cutuli for Karin Freeman to continue as Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Suzie Swartz, and carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

7. OLD BUSINESS Chairperson Benecke asked Mr. Lombardo to give the County Committee an update on the old business.

A. Update on District Elections By-Trustee Area

Mr. Lombardo provided each County Committee member a document entitled "Orange County Method of Voting for District Governing Boards", which lists all Orange County K-12 school districts, community college districts, and the County Board of Education, as well as the method of election. Mr. Lombardo stated that fifteen K-12 school districts utilize the by-trustee area method of election as do three of the four community college districts. Twelve of the K-12 school district governing boards are elected at-large. Orange Unified School District and South Orange County Community College District have trustee areas and board members are elected at-large.

B. Update on Transfer of Territory from the Orange Unified School District to the Tustin Unified School District (Panorama Heights II): Orange Unified School District Appeal

Mr. Lombardo reported that the State Board of Education (SBE) staff estimates there is currently a three-year backlog, but there are several factors that may impact that timeline such as; other pending appeals, unifications, and the new leadership team at the California Department of Education following the election. The SBE received the Orange Unified School District appeal approximately ten months ago, and it is anticipated it will be closer to January 2021 before the SBE considers the appeal.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

9. PRESENTATIONS FROM
THE PUBLIC

None.

10. NEXT MEETING

No future meeting date set at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Chairperson Benecke requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved by Karin Freeman, seconded by Suzie Swartz, and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 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.