

## Analysis of August 7, 2024 - OCBE Meeting

The agenda for the OCBE meeting on August 7, 2024, highlights key items and examines any areas that may lead to controversy. We will identify the critical discussion points and assess their implications for our organization and the broader community. This scrutiny is important for transparency and accountability and for informed participation and decision-making among all involved parties.

We encourage you to review the entire agenda, but two items are noted in this analysis:

**Lawyers and Litigation fees** and the continued **attack on LGBTQ+** students by this extremist OC Board.

### Lawyers, Litigation, and Continued Waste of Tax Dollars

The invoices from Haight, Brown, and Bonestell total \$118,711 in one month for legal fees, including \$78,000 for undisclosed litigation support vendors! This is a reminder of the need for transparency and accountability in public spending. Taxpayer dollars must be managed with care, and the public has a right to know how their money is being spent. Will OCBE ensure that all expenditures are transparent, justified, and subject to appropriate oversight?

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Despite the substantial amount of money involved, the invoice fails to provide any details about the vendors who received these funds. This lack of information is not just a matter of poor record-keeping but a significant breach of accountability.

#### Call for Accountability

The amount of money wasted by the OCBE calls for immediate action to ensure greater transparency and accountability in the use of public funds. Specifically, the following measures should be implemented:

- **Detailed Invoices**
- **Regular Audits**
- **Public Access**

### Resolution **opposing** AB 1955: The SAFETY Act, Ensuring Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for LGBTQ+ Students (Valdes)

The resolution by the OCBE opposing AB 1955, also known as The SAFETY Act is authored by Valdes. This resolution professes a commitment to equality but demonstrates the **hypocrisy of the OCBE and its support for policies that disproportionately impact marginalized communities and continued fearmongering.**

The analysis of this resolution highlights several key areas of concern:

1. **Hypocrisy in Goals vs. Actions:**
  - The resolution claims to promote equality yet supports policies that undermine this goal by negatively affecting LGBTQ+ students.
2. **Selective Interpretation:**
  - While emphasizing the rule of law, the resolution selectively ignores legal precedents that protect minority rights, demonstrating a biased application of principles.
3. **Underlying Motives - Stated vs. Real Intentions:**
  - Presented as serving the public good, the resolution contradicts its stated intentions by further marginalizing students, particularly those from the LGBTQ+ community.
4. **Broader Values:**
  - Despite professing alignment with universal human rights, the resolution supports measures that violate these principles, exposing significant inconsistencies.

**But this resolution is moot because AB 1955 was  
SIGNED INTO LAW - CA July 15, 2024!**

The SAFETY Act provides critical resources for parents, guardians, and families of LGBTQ+ students to navigate conversations around gender and identity on their own terms and ensures teachers or school staff are not retaliated against for refusing to forcibly out a student.

**For more information about AB 1955 check out**

[CalMatters](#)

[LGBTQ+Caucus](#)

[CA Dept of Ed](#)