

## ORIENTATION

### Board Candidate Orientation

The Governing Board ~~desires to provide Board candidates~~ recognizes the importance of providing all newly elected or appointed Board members with support and information ~~that will enable them~~ to assist them in becoming effective members of the Board. Incoming Board members shall be provided an orientation designed to ~~understand the~~ build their knowledge of the district and an understanding of the responsibilities of their position. Such orientation may include the provision of information, support, and/or training related to Board ~~membership~~ functions, policies, protocols, and standards of conduct.

*(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)*

*(cf. 9220 - Governing Board Elections)*

*(cf. 9223 - Filling Vacancies)*

As early as possible following the election or appointment of Board members, one or more orientation sessions shall be held during open meeting(s) of the Board. The Board president and the Superintendent or designee shall ~~provide all candidates with general information about school programs, district operations, and Board responsibilities and the county election official's contact~~ develop an agenda for the meeting(s) and shall identify resources that may be useful for incoming Board members.

*(cf. 9121 - President)*

Upon their election or appointment, incoming Board members shall be provided a copy of the Brown Act and informed that, pursuant to Government Code 54952.1, they must conform to the Act's requirements as if they had already assumed office. Additional information ~~for incoming~~

~~*(cf. 9200 - Members (Limits of Authority))*~~

~~*(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)*~~

~~The Board encourages all candidates to attend public Board meetings during the period of their candidacy. Candidates have the same access as members of the public to district staff and information.~~

Board members may include, but is not limited to, Board bylaws related to the limits of individual Board member authority, the conduct of Board meetings, and other Board operations; governance standards for ethical conduct; legal requirements related to conflict of interest and prohibited political activity; protocols for speaking with district staff, members of the public, and the media; and publications on effective governance practices.

*(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)*

*(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)*

~~(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)~~  
(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)  
(cf. 9010 - Public Statements)  
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)  
(cf. 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications)  
(cf. 9200 - Limits of Board Member Authority)  
(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)  
(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ~~help each new member elect to understand district operations and the Board's functions, policies and procedures as soon after election as possible. Incoming provide incoming Board members shall be given a copy of the Brown Act and informed that they must conform to its requirements as if they had already assumed office. Incoming members shall also receive~~ with specific background information regarding the district, including, but not limited to, the district's vision and goals statements, local control and accountability plan and other comprehensive plans, student demographic data, student achievement data, district policy manual ~~and other materials related to the school system and Board member responsibilities.~~, district budget, and minutes of recent open ~~incoming members are encouraged to attend~~ Board meetings ~~and meet with the~~.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)  
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)  
(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)  
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

The Superintendent or designee ~~and may offer incoming Board president regarding their role~~ members a tour of district schools and facilities, and may introduce them to district and school site administrators and other staff.

~~Incoming members are encouraged responsibilities. They also may~~, at district expense, ~~attend and with approval of the Board, to attend the California School Boards Association's Orientation for New Trustees, Institute for New and First-Term Board Members, and workshops for newly elected members~~ and conferences relevant to the needs of the individual member, the Board as a whole, or the district.

(cf. 9240 - Board ~~Development~~ Training)  
(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33360 Department of Education and statewide association of school district boards; annual workshops

33362-33363 Reimbursement of expenses; ~~board member of school district board or member-elect~~

GOVERNMENT CODE

54950-54963 The Ralph M. Brown Act, especially:

54952.1 Member of a legislative body

54952.2 Open meeting laws; posting agenda; board actions

54952.7 Copies of Brown Act to ~~Board~~ board members

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Professional Governance Standards for School Boards

*The Brown Act: School Boards and Open Meeting Laws, rev. 2009*

*WEB SITES*

*CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>*

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Perris, California

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