

LIMITS OF BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY

The Governing Board recognizes that the Board is the unit of authority over the district and that a Board member has no individual authority. Board members shall hold the education of students above any partisan principle, group interest, or personal interest.

Unless agreed to by the Board as a whole, individual members of the Board shall not exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the schools or command the services of any school employee. Individual Board members shall submit requests for information to the Superintendent. Board members shall refer Board-related correspondence to the Superintendent for forwarding to the Board or for placement on the Board's agenda, as appropriate.

Individual Board members do not have the authority to resolve complaints. Any Board member approached directly by a person with a complaint should refer the complainant to the Superintendent or designee so that the problem may receive proper consideration and be handled through the appropriate district process.

A Board member whose child is attending a district school should be aware of his/her role as a Board member when interacting with district employees about his/her child. Because his/her position as a Board member may inhibit the performance of school personnel, the Board member should inform the Superintendent or designee before volunteering in his/her child's classroom.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a copy of the state's open meeting laws (Brown Act) to each Board member and to anyone who is elected to the Board but has not yet assumed office.

Board members and persons elected to the Board who have not assumed office are responsible for complying with the requirements of the Brown Act. (Government Code 54952.1)

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State References

Ed. Code 200-262.4
Ed. Code 35010
Ed. Code 35100-35351
Ed. Code 35160-35185
Ed. Code 35291
Ed. Code 35292
Ed. Code 51101
Ed. Code 7054
Gov. Code 54950-54963
Gov. Code 54952.1
Gov. Code 54952.7

Description

Prohibition of discrimination
Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
Governing boards
Powers and duties
Rules (power of governing board)
Visits to schools (Board members)
Rights of parents/guardians
Use of district property; campaign purposes
The Ralph M. Brown Act
Member of a legislative body of a local agency
Copies of chapter to members of legislative body

LIMITS OF BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY (continued)**Management Resources References**

CSBA Publication

Website

Website

Description

Professional Governance Standards

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)[CSBA](#)**Cross References**

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Description

Political Processes

Volunteer Assistance

Complaints Concerning District Employees

Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials

Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials

Uniform Complaint Procedures

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Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures

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Access to District Records

Parent Rights and Responsibilities

Parent Involvement

Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education

Role of the Board

Governance Standards

Public Statements

Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information

Board Member Electronic Communications

Attorney

Board Representatives

Orientation

Conflict of Interest

Conflict of Interest

Agenda/Meeting Materials

Meeting Conduct

Actions by the Board

Actions by the Board

Actions by the Board

Bylaw

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