

Davis Joint USD

Board Bylaw

Orientation

BB 9230

Board Bylaws

~~Board Candidate Orientation~~

~~The Governing Board desires to provide Board candidates with information that will enable them to understand the responsibilities and expectations of Board membership. 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 information.~~

Governing Board recognizes the importance of providing all newly elected or appointed Board members with support and information to assist them in becoming effective members of the Board. Incoming Board members shall be provided an orientation designed to 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 functions, policies, protocols, and standards of conduct.

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

(cf. 9220 - Governing Board Elections)

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

~~(cf. 1340—Access to District Records)~~

~~New Board Member Orientation~~

~~The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall help each new member elect to understand district operations and the Board's functions, policies, procedures, protocols, and agreed upon standards of conduct. Board members and district administrative staff will make their time available to assist in the orientation of new Board members. Incoming Board members shall be provided access to the district's policies and other materials related to the district and Board member responsibilities.~~

~~(cf. 9000—Role of the Board)~~

(cf.

9223 - Filling Vacancies)

(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 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. 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 ~~mayor designee shall~~ provide incoming Board members with ~~additional specific~~ background ~~and~~ information regarding the ~~district, including, but not limited to, the~~ district's vision and goals, ~~operations, statements, local control and accountability plan~~ and ~~current challenges in areas that include, but are not limited to, other comprehensive plans, student demographic data, student achievement, curriculum, finance, facilities, data, district policy, human resources manual, district budget, and collective bargaining minutes of recent open Board meetings.~~

(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 may offer incoming Board 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 to attend Board meetings and review agenda materials available to the public in order to become familiar with current issues facing the district. Incoming members also may, at district expense and with approval of the Board, attend workshops and conferences relevant to their individual needs or to the needs of the Board as a whole or the district.

(cf. 9240 - Board 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 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 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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