

BOARD COMMITTEES

- I. The Governing Board may establish Board committees as necessary. The Board shall determine the duties of the committee at the time of its appointment. Unless specifically authorized by the Board to act on its behalf, Board committees shall act in an advisory capacity. When its duties have been completed, the committee shall be dissolved. (*cf 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees*).
- II. Board committees shall provide public notice of their meetings and conduct these meetings in accordance with the state's open meeting laws. Board advisory committees composed solely of less than a quorum of the Board are not subject to open meeting laws unless they are standing committees with a continuing subject matter jurisdiction or a meeting schedule established by the Board. (*Government Code 54952*)
 - A. Meetings of advisory committees or standing committees for which an agenda is posted at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting pursuant to Government Code 54954.2, shall be considered, for purposes of the Brown Act, as regular meetings of the Board. (*Government Code 54954*)
 - B. Standing committees with a continuing subject matter jurisdiction include, but are not limited, to those responsible for providing advice on budgets, audits, contracts and personnel matters at the Board's request. When a majority of the members of the Board attend an open and noticed meeting of a standing committee, the Board members who are not members of the standing committee shall attend only as observers. (*Government Code 54952.2*)
 - C. The Superintendent or designee may serve as an advisor to any committee at the discretion of the Board.
 - D. Whenever so charged, committees may actively seek input and participation by parents/guardians, staff, community and students, and may consult with local public boards and agencies.
 - E. When a Board committee **composed exclusively of Board members** has provided for public comment on an item at a public meeting before or during the committee's consideration of the item, the Board is not obliged to provide for public comment on the item at a subsequent Board meeting. Public comment shall be afforded, however, the Board determines that the item has been substantially changed since it was heard by the committee. (*Government Code 54954.3*)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
- 35024 Executive committee
- 35160 Authority of governing boards
- 35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 54592 Legislative body, definition
- 54952.2 Legislative body, definition
- 54954 Time and place of regular meetings; special meetings; emergencies
- 54954.3 Opportunity for public to address legislative body

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

- 81 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 156 (1998)
- 80 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen.308 (1997)
- 79 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen.69 (1996)

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