

ORGANIZATION

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Governing Board shall hold an annual organizational meeting within the time limits prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Each year, in an open meeting, the Board shall elect its entire slate of officers, including a president, vice president, and clerk from its members. The term of office shall be one year, commencing immediately upon election, and ending with the election of the successor to the office.

At this meeting, the Board shall:

1. Elect officers, including a president, vice president, and clerk.
2. Appoint a secretary to the Board.
3. Authorize signatures.
4. Develop a schedule of regular meetings for the year and fix the starting time of meetings.
5. Elect Board representatives to county committees, as needed.
6. Develop a Board calendar for the year, including matters such as the evaluation of the Superintendent, budget meetings, goal setting, and policy and program reviews.

It is noted that the California Attorney General has disapproved secret ballot voting in open meetings, as well as the casting of mail ballots. (68 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 65, 1985) As long as they do not use secret ballots, Boards are free to elect their officers in any way they desire.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 5017 Term of office
- 35143 Annual organizational meeting date, and notice
- 35145 Public meetings

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 54953 Meetings to be open and public; attendance

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

- 68 OPS. CAL. ATTY. GEN. 65 (1985)
- 59 OPS. CAL. ATTY. GEN. 619, 621-622 (1976)

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