

*Riverside County Office of Education*  
*Board Bylaw 9240 Board Training*

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**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD**

**SUBJECT: Board Training**

The County Board of Education (County Board) believes that its ability to effectively and responsibly govern is essential to promoting student achievement, building positive community relations, and protecting the public interest in county schools. County Board members shall be provided sufficient opportunities for professional development that helps them understand their responsibilities, stay abreast of new developments in education, and develop boardsmanship skills.

The County Board shall work with the County Superintendent of Schools or designee (County Superintendent) to provide an orientation to newly elected or appointed County Board members which includes comprehensive information regarding County Board roles, policies, and procedures and the County Office of Education's (County Office) vision and goals, operations, and current challenges. Throughout their first term, County Board members shall continue to participate in additional educational opportunities designed to assist them in understanding the principles of effective governance, including, but not limited to, information on school finance and budgets, student achievement and assessment, community relations, program evaluation, open meeting laws (the Brown Act), conflict of interest laws, and other topics necessary to govern effectively and in compliance with law.

All County Board members are encouraged to continuously participate in advanced training offered by the California School Boards Association (CSBA) and California County Boards of Education (CCBE) in order to reinforce boardsmanship skills and build knowledge related to key education issues. Such activities may include online courses, webinars, webcasts, and in-person attendance at workshops and conferences. In addition, workshops and consultations may be held within the county on issues that involve the entire governance team.

Funds for training shall be budgeted annually for the County Board and each County Board member. In selecting appropriate activities, the County Board and/or individual County Board members shall consider activities that are aligned with the County Office's vision and goals and the needs of the County Board or individual County Board members to obtain specific knowledge and skills. The County Board shall annually develop a training calendar in order to schedule and track training activities and to schedule opportunities for County Board members to report on the activities in which they participated.

County Board members may attend a conference or similar public gathering with other County Board members and/or with the County Superintendent in order to develop common knowledge and understanding of an issue or engage in team-building exercises. In such cases, a majority of the County Board members shall not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the County Office's jurisdiction, so as not to violate the Brown Act open meeting laws pursuant to Government Code 54952.2.

County Board members shall report orally or in writing on the training activities they attend, for

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the purpose of sharing the acquired knowledge or skills with the full County Board and enlarging the benefit of the activity to the County Board and County Office.

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**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.

**Legal Reference:**

**EDUCATION CODE**

3100 Budget Adoption and Revision

9000 Role Of The Board

9005 Governance Standards

9121 President

9150 Student Board Members

9230 Orientation

9320 Meetings and Notices

9400 Board Self-Evaluation

**GOVERNMENT CODE**

54950-54962 The Ralph M. Brown Act, especially

54952.2 – Meeting Defined

**Management Resources:**

**CSBA PUBLICATIONS**

Call to Order: A Blueprint for Great Board Meetings, 2015

Professional Governance Standards for County Boards, October 2014

**CALIFORNIA COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS**

A Guide to Effective Governance, February 27, 2015

**WEB SITES**

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

California County Boards of Education: <http://www.theccbe.org>