

ORGANIZATION

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Each year, the Governing Board shall hold an annual organizational meeting. In any year in which a regular election of district Board members is conducted, the organizational meeting shall be held within a 15-day period beginning from the date upon which a Board member elected at that election takes office. During non-election years, the meeting shall be held within the same 15-day period on the calendar. (Education Code 35143)

The day and time of the annual meeting shall be selected by the Board at its regular meeting held immediately prior to the first day of the 15-day period. On behalf of the Board, the Superintendent shall notify the County Superintendent of Schools of the day and time selected. Within 15 days prior to the date of the annual meeting, the clerk of the Board, with the assistance of the Superintendent, shall notify in writing all Board members and members-elect of the date and time selected for the meeting. (Education Code 35143)

At this meeting, the Board shall:

1. Elect a president, vice president, and clerk.
2. Appoint the Superintendent as a secretary to the Board.
3. Authorize signatures.
4. Approve a schedule of regular meetings for the year and a Board governance calendar stating the time when the Board will address important governance matters, such as the evaluation of the Superintendent, budget meetings, goal setting, and policy and program reviews.
5. Designate Board representatives to serve on committees or commissions of the district, other public agencies, or organizations with which the district partners or collaborates.
6. Develop a Board calendar for the year, including matters such as Review and/or consider resources that define and clarify the Board's governance and leadership roles and responsibilities including, but not limited to, governance standards, meeting protocols, Board rules and bylaws, and other Board development materials

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Board shall each year elect its entire slate of officers. The term of office shall be one year, commencing immediately upon election, and ending with the election of the successor to the office. The election of Board officers shall be conducted during an open session of the annual organizational meeting.

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 may 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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