Governing Board

District Governance

SEDOL Governing Board

The Governing Board shall be composed of one Board of Education member appointed from each Member District. Each Member District Board of Education will select one of their members to sit on the Governing Board and select one of its members to fill a vacancy on the Governing Board as required. Member Districts are expected to designate alternate(s) to ensure representation of the Member District at all Governing Board meetings.

It shall be the role of the Governing Board to establish policies to facilitate cooperation between Member Districts in the provision of education for all children with disabilities.

Governing Board Legal Status

The SEDOL Governing Board is created pursuant to Section 10-22.31 of the <u>School Code</u>. This section empowers individual School Boards to enter into a joint agreement and to "designate a Governing Board composed of one member of the School Board of each Member District and designated by such Boards to act in accordance with the Joint Agreement."

Official action by the Governing Board may only occur at a duly called and legally conducted meeting. Except as otherwise provided by the Open Meetings Act, a quorum must be physically present at the meeting.

As stated in the Board member oath of office prescribed by School Code, a Board member has no legal authority as an individual.

- LEGAL REF.: 5 ILCS 120/, Open Meetings Act. 105 ILCS 5/10-1, 5/10-10, 5/10-12, 5/10-16.5, 5-10- 16.7, and 5/10-20.5. Articles of Joint Agreement
- CROSS REF.: 1:10 (School District Legal Status), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board indemnification, 2:80 (Board Member Oath and Conduct), 2:120 (Board Member Development), 2:200 (Types of School Board Meetings), 2:220 (School Board Member Procedure)

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