

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Board of Trustees recognizes that citizen advisory committees enable the Board to better understand the beliefs, attitudes and opinions held by the community.

The Board shall establish citizen advisory committees when required by law, to strengthen the effectiveness of district and school operations, or to enhance student learning. The purpose of any such committees shall be clearly defined and aligned to the district's vision, mission, and goals. Such committees shall serve in a strictly advisory capacity; they may make recommendations regarding Board policy, but their actions shall not be binding on the Board. The Board may dissolve any advisory committees not required by law at any time when the committee has fulfilled its duties or at any time the Board deems it necessary.

- (cf. 0000 - Vision)*
- (cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*
- (cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)*
- (cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)*
- (cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)*
- (cf. 3280 - Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property)*
- (cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*
- (cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*
- (cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)*
- (cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)*
- (cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*
- (cf. 9130 - Board Committees)*

The Superintendent or designee may establish advisory committees which shall report to him/her in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

Citizen advisory committees shall serve in an advisory capacity; they may make recommendations, but their actions shall not be binding on the Board or Superintendent.

The membership of citizen advisory committees should reflect the diversity of the community and represent a diversity of viewpoints.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training and information, as necessary, to enable committee members to understand the goals of the committee and to fulfill their role as committee members.

Within budget allocations, the Superintendent or designee may approve requests for committee travel and may reimburse committee members for expenses at the same rates and under the same conditions as those provided for district employees.

- (cf. 3350 - Travel Expenses)*

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8070 Career technical education advisory committee
11503 Parent involvement program
15278-15282 Citizens' oversight committee
15359.3 School facilities improvement districts
17387-17391 Advisory committees for use of excess school facilities
35147 School site councils and advisory committees
44032 Travel expense payment
52060 Local Control and Accountability Plan
52063 Local Control and Accountability Plan
52176 Advisory committees, limited-English proficient students program
52852 Site council, school-based program coordination
54425 Advisory committees, compensatory education
54444.1-54444.2 Parent advisory councils, services to migrant children
56190-56194 Community advisory committee, special education
62002.5 Continuing parent advisory committees
64001 Single plan for student achievement

GOVERNMENT CODE

810.2 Tort claims act, definition employee
810.4 Tort claims act, definition employment
815.2 Injuries by employees within scope of employment
820.9 Members of local public boards not vicariously liable
6250-6270 California Public Records Act
54950-54963 Brown Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1758b Local wellness policy

COURT DECISIONS

Frazer v. Dixon Unified School District, (1993) 18 Cal.App.4th 781

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Maximizing School Board Leadership: Community Leadership, 1996

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Santa Clarita, California

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Committee Charge

When committees are appointed, committee members shall receive a written statement including, but not limited to:

1. The committee members' names
2. The procedure to be used in the selection of the committee chairperson and other committee officers
3. The name(s) and contact information of staff member(s) assigned to support the work of the committee
4. The goals and specific charge(s) of the committee, including its topic(s) for study
5. The specific period of time that the committee is expected to serve
6. Legal requirements regarding meeting conduct and public notifications
7. Resources available to help the committee perform its tasks
8. Timelines for progress reports and/or final report
9. Relevant Board of Trustees policies and administrative regulations

Advisory committee members are not vicariously liable for injuries caused by the act or omission of the district or a committee and are not liable for injuries caused by an act or omission of a committee member acting within the scope of his/her role as a member of the committee. However, a member may be liable for injury caused by his/her own wrongful conduct. (Government Code 815.2, 820.9)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

Note: Education Code 35147 specifies exceptions, as listed in the section "Committees Not Subject to Brown Act Requirements" below. Committees composed solely of Board members who are less than a quorum of the Board may also be exempt from Brown Act requirements in limited circumstances; see BB 9130 - Board Committees.

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Any committee created by formal action of the Governing Board shall comply with Brown Act requirements pertaining to open meetings, notices, and public participation pursuant to Government Code 54950-54963, including, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

1. Advisory committees established pursuant to Education Code 56190-56194 related to special education

(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)

2. Advisory committees established pursuant to Education Code 8070 related to career technical education

(cf. 6178 – Career Technical Education)

3. Committee established to assist in development of a student wellness policy pursuant to 42 USC 1758b

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

4. Committee established pursuant to Education Code 17387-17391 related to the use or disposition of excess real property

(cf. 3280 - Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property)

5. Citizens' oversight committee established to examine the expenditure of general obligation bond or school facilities improvement bond revenues passed with a 55 percent majority of the voters pursuant to Education Code 15278 and 15359.3

(cf. 7213 - School Facilities Improvement Districts)

(cf. 7214 - General Obligation Bonds)

Note: Education Code 52063, as added by AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013), requires the Board to establish a parent advisory committee that includes parents/guardians of "unduplicated students" (i.e., students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, English learners, foster youth) to review and comment on the local control and accountability plan (LCAP). If district enrollment includes at least 15 percent English learners and at least 50 students who are English learners, the Board is also required to establish an English learner parent advisory committee. See AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Note: In addition, pursuant to Education Code 52060, as added by AB 97, districts are required to consult on LCAP development with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, employee bargaining units, parents/guardians, and students. If the district chooses to satisfy this requirement by establishing a committee consisting of representatives of all the specified groups, that committee would be subject to the Brown Act.

6. Parent advisory committee and English learner parent advisory committee established pursuant to Education Code 52063 to review and comment on the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) and, if applicable, any advisory committee established pursuant to Education Code 52060 to consult with the district on LCAP development

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES (continued)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 9130 - Board Committees)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

Committees Not Subject to Brown Act Requirements

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 35147, school site councils and some advisory committees, as specified in items #1-6 below, are exempt from the Brown Act, but must comply with other, less complex procedural requirements (i.e., the "mini" Brown Act). In addition, the Board may require other specific district committees that are not subject to the Brown Act to follow the requirements of the "mini" Brown Act. Such committees should be added to the list below.

The following committees are exempt from the Brown Act but must conform with procedural meeting requirements established in Education Code 35147:

The following councils and advisory committees are exempted from the Brown Act and must conform with procedural meeting requirements established in Education Code 35147:

Note: SB 971 (Ch. 923, Statutes of 2014) repealed the Pupil Retention Block Grant and School and Library Improvement Block Grant. In addition, economic impact aid funding was redirected into the local control funding formula (LCFF) pursuant to AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013). Thus, school site councils are no longer required for those purposes. Any use of school site councils to assist with the determination of LCFF funding distribution is at the district's discretion.

1. School site councils established pursuant to Education Code, 52852 and 64001 to develop and approve a single plan for student achievement

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

2. District or school advisory committees established pursuant to Education Code 52176 related to programs for English learners

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

3. Any school advisory committee established pursuant to Education Code 54425(b) related to compensatory education

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

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4. Any advisory committee established pursuant to Education Code 54444.2 related to migrant education programs

(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)

5. School committees established pursuant to Education Code 11503 related to parent involvement

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Meetings of the above councils or committees shall be open to the public, and any member of the public shall have the opportunity to address the council or committee during the meeting on any item within its jurisdiction. Notice of the meeting shall be posted at the school site or other appropriate accessible location at least 72 hours before the meeting, specifying the date, time and location of the meeting and containing an agenda that describes each item of business to be discussed or acted upon. (Education Code 35147)

The above councils or committees shall not take action on any item not listed on the agenda unless all members present unanimously find that there is a need to take immediate action and that this need came to the group's attention after the agenda was posted. In addition to addressing items on the agenda, members of the council, committee or public may ask questions or make brief statements that do not have a significant effect on district students or employees or that can be resolved solely by providing information. (Education Code 35147)

Any council or committee violating the above procedural requirements must, at the demand of any person, reconsider the item at the next meeting, first allowing for public input on the item. (Education Code 35147)

Any materials provided to a school site council shall be made available to any member of the public upon request pursuant to the California Public Records Act. (Education Code 35147; Government Code 6250-6270)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

Note: Committees not specified in Education Code 35147, as listed above, which are created by the Superintendent and do not advise the Board, are not subject to any open meeting requirements.

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES (continued)

Committees created by the Superintendent or designee to advise the administration and which do not report to the Board are not subject to the requirements of the Brown Act or Education Code 35147.

(cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)

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