

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Board of Trustees recognizes that citizen advisory committees enable the Board to better understand the interests and concerns of 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. The Board may dissolve any advisory committee not required by law when the committee has fulfilled its duties or at any time the Board deems it necessary.

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.

Appointment or selection can be done by an application process and/or by each Trustee appointing a member to the specified advisory committee.

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

1. The committee members' names.
2. The specific charges of the committee, including its topic(s) for study or well-defined area(s) of activity.
3. The specific period of time that the committee is expected to serve.
4. Legal requirements regarding meeting conduct and public notifications.

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5. Resources available to help the committee complete its tasks.
6. Timelines for progress reports and/or final report.
7. Relevant Board policies and administrative regulations.
8. The procedure to be used in the selection of the committee chairperson and other committee officers.

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

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 School plan for student achievement, consolidated application programs

65000-65001 School site councils

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

Policy

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