ORIENTATION

County Board Candidate Orientation

The County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools desire to provide County Board candidates with information that will enable them to understand the responsibilities and expectations of County Board membership. The County Superintendent or designee shall provide all candidates with general information about county office of education programs and operations, County Board member responsibilities, and the county election official's contact information.

The County Board encourages all candidates to attend public County Board meetings during the period of their candidacy. Candidates shall have the same access as members of the public to County Board and COE staff and information.

New County Board Member Orientation

The County Board shall provide an orientation and information to incoming County Board members to assist them in understanding the County Board's functions, policies, procedures, protocols, and agreed-upon standards of conduct. Incoming County Board members shall receive the COE policy manual and other materials related to the COE and County Board member responsibilities.

Upon their election, incoming County Board members shall be provided a copy of the Brown Act and informed that, pursuant to Government Code 54952.1, they must conform to the Act's requirements as if they had already assumed office.

The County Superintendent may provide incoming County Board members with additional background and information regarding the COE's vision and goals, operations, and current challenges in areas that include, but are not limited to, student achievement, curriculum, finance, facilities, and policy.

Incoming members are encouraged to attend County Board meetings and review agenda materials available to the public in order to become familiar with current issues facing the COE. Incoming members also may, at COE expense and with prior approval of the County Board, attend workshops and conferences relevant to their individual needs or to the needs of the County Board or the COE as a whole.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
33360 Department of Education and statewide association of school district boards; annual workshops
33362-33363 Reimbursement of expenses; board member or member-elect

ELECTIONS CODE
ORIENTATION (continued)

13307  Candidate’s statement
20440  Code of Fair Campaign Practices
GOVERNMENT CODE
54950-54963  The Ralph M. Brown Act, especially:
54952.1  Member of a legislative body
54952.7  Copies of Brown Act to board members

Management Resources:
CSBA PUBLICATIONS
The Brown Act: School Boards and Open Meeting Laws, rev. 2007
A call to Order, 2015
Professional Governance Standards, 2000
CCBE PUBLICATIONS
A Guide to Effective Governance, 2015
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
CCBE: http://www.theccbe.org

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