

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bylaw 9230

Bylaws of the Board

Orientation

Board Candidate Orientation

The Board of Education desires to provide Board candidates with orientation that will enable them to understand the responsibilities of Board membership. The Superintendent or designee shall provide all **Board** candidates with general information about school programs, district operations, and Board responsibilities.

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

New Board Member Orientation

As early as possible following the election or appointment of Board members, the Superintendent or designee shall provide one or more orientation sessions. The Board president and the Superintendent or designee shall develop an agenda for the orientation session(s) and shall identify resources that may be useful for incoming Board members.

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall help each new member-elect to understand district operations and the Board's functions, policies, **protocols, and standards of conduct, and procedures** as soon after election as possible. Incoming members shall be given a copy of the Brown Act and informed that, **pursuant to Government Code 54952.1**, they must conform to its requirements as if they had already assumed office. Incoming members shall also be instructed on how to access the District's policies and rules and will be provided with other materials related to the school system and Board member responsibilities.

Incoming members are encouraged to attend Board meetings and meet with the Superintendent or designee and Board president regarding their role and responsibilities. **Additional information for incoming Board members may include, but is not limited to, Board bylaws related to the limits of individual Board member authority, the conduct of Board meetings, and other Board operations; governance standards for ethical conduct; legal requirements related to conflict of interest and prohibited political activity; protocols for**

speaking with district staff, members of the public, and the media; and publications on effective governance practices.

They also may, at district expense, attend workshops for newly elected members.

Legal References: EDUCATION CODE
33360 Department of Education and statewide
association of school district boards; annual workshops
33362-~~333363~~ Reimbursement of expenses; ~~member of~~
~~school district board~~ **member or member-elect**
GOVERNMENT CODE
54950-54963 The Ralph M. Brown Act, ~~especially~~
54952.1 Member of a legislative body **of a local agency**
54952.2 Meeting; defined
54952.7 Copies of chapter to members of legislative body
MANAGEMENT RESOURCES
CSBA Publications
Professional Governance Standards for School Boards
The Brown Act: School Boards and Open Meeting
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