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FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**Board Bylaws**  
**ORIENTATION OF COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS**

The County Board, working with the County Superintendent, desires 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 may provide candidates with general information about county office of education programs and operations, County Board member responsibilities, the county election official's contact information, and other pertinent 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 information.

New County Board Member Orientation

The County Board, working with the County Superintendent, shall assist each new member-elect to understand the County Board's functions, policies and procedures, and the general operation of the school system as quickly after election as possible.

The following methods may be used as a base for orientation of new member-elect, with such materials and experiences upon which the County Board president, vice-president, and the member-elect may agree:

1. The incoming member will be given selected materials on the function of the County Board and the school system.
2. The incoming member will be invited to attend County Board meetings which occur between election and the date the member takes office.
3. The incoming member will be invited to meet with the County Superintendent, County Board President, and other administrative personnel as designated by the County Superintendent to discuss services they perform for the County Board.
4. The incoming member will be provided with a copy of policies, administrative regulations, and bylaws and copies of pertinent materials developed by the California School Boards Association or other organizations. A copy of the Brown Act and information pertaining thereto will also be provided to the incoming member.
5. The incoming member may attend, at County Board expense, workshops for newly elected members conducted by the state and/or the California School Board Association or other organizations;
6. The incoming member may, in coordination with the County Superintendent or designee, visit county office of education facilities.

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Amended: 02/16/2012, 11/15/2018

**Legal Reference**

Education Code

1090 Compensation for county board members and mileage allowance

1096 Allowable expenses for attendance at organization meetings

33360 Department of Education and statewide association of district boards; annual workshops

33362-33363 Reimbursement of expenses; board or member elect

Elections Code

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>

Fair Political Practices Commission: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>