
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Board Bylaws
BOARD TRAINING**

The County Board believes that its ability to effectively and responsibly govern is essential to promoting student achievement, building positive community relations, and protecting the public interest in county schools. County Board members shall participate in mandatory ethics training, as outlined below, and are encouraged to participate in ongoing opportunities for professional development sufficient to help them understand their responsibilities, stay abreast of new developments in education, and improve governance skills.

Each County Board member shall complete ethics training in accordance with Government Code 53234-53235.2 by January 1, 2026, and at least once every two years thereafter. (Government Code 53235)

Once completed, the County Board member shall provide written proof of completion of the required ethics training to the County Superintendent or designee. A record of each County Board member's participation in the required ethics training shall be retained.

The County Board president shall work with the County Superintendent or designee to provide an orientation to newly elected or appointed County Board members consistent with County Board Bylaw 9230 – Orientation of County Board Members.

County Board members are encouraged to participate in school board and related workshops sponsored by local, state and national educational associations. Attendance at meetings directly or indirectly related to education or school matters shall be encouraged for the values they have to the county office of education and the in-service growth of the County Board members.

Approved attendance at meetings directly or indirectly related to education or school matters shall be encouraged for the professional growth of County Board members. Attendance and expenditures at such meetings shall have prior approval of the County Board. The County Superintendent, as ex officio secretary and executive officer of the Board, shall be notified of all such meetings.

County Board members will be requested to report back to the County Board with information of interest acquired at the various meetings and workshops.

Funds for participation at such meetings will be budgeted for annually. Reimbursement of County Board members for their travel and conference/workshop expenses will be in accordance with policies and regulations that apply to County Superintendent staff.

Consistent with County Board Bylaw 9320 - Meetings And Notices, County Board members may attend a professional development opportunity as part of a conference, or similar public gathering, so long as a majority of the County Board members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the County Board's jurisdiction.

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Legal Reference

Education Code

1095 Membership in organizations

33360 Department of Education and statewide association of school district boards; annual workshop

Government Code

53234-53235.2 Ethics training

54050-54963 The Ralph M. Brown Act

54952.2 Meeting

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