
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**Board Bylaws****FORMULATION, ADOPTION, AND AMENDMENT OF POLICIES**

The County Board shall adopt written policies, consistent with laws, for its own governance and to convey expectations as to matters that are within the jurisdiction of the County Board.

The County Board recognizes the importance of maintaining policies and bylaws that are up to date and reflect the mandate of law. No County Board policy or bylaw, or any portion thereof, shall be operative if it conflicts with applicable federal or state law or regulations or court decisions. If any portion of a policy or bylaw is found to be invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions of the policy or bylaw.

County Board Policy Development and Adoption Process

Policy proposals and amendments to existing policies shall be submitted to all members of the County Board in writing prior to a regularly scheduled County Board meeting in which such proposed policies or amendments shall be read and discussed. Such policy proposals or amendments may be made at the request of any member of the County Board or the County Superintendent or designee, or proposed by legal counsel for the County Board. The Legal Services Department shall prepare any document necessary for County Board review and action, and may review proposed policies and amendments as appropriate.

New and amended policies will normally be submitted to the County Board for first reading at one County Board meeting, and second reading and adoption at a second meeting of the County Board. The County Board, in its sole discretion, may waive a second reading and adopt a policy at the first reading. Reasons for waiver of a second reading include, but are not limited to, the need to comply with changes in law, address a particular issue, or comply with orders or decisions of a governmental agency or a court. The County Board delegates to the County Superintendent or designee, the authority to make non-substantive changes, e.g., correction of spelling or grammar errors or modification to format, without the necessity of bringing the policy before the County Board.

The formal adoption of policies shall be by a majority vote of the County Board and the action shall be recorded in the minutes of the County Board. Only those written policies so adopted and so recorded shall be regarded as official policies of the County Board.

County Board Bylaws

Bylaw proposals and suggested amendments to existing bylaws shall be submitted to all members of the County Board in writing prior to a regularly scheduled County Board meeting in which such proposed bylaws or amendments shall be read and discussed. Such bylaw proposals or amendments may be developed, adopted, and amended following the same procedures as those set forth above for the development, adoption, and amendment of County Board policies.

The formal adoption of bylaws shall be by a majority vote of the County Board and the action shall be recorded in the minutes of the County Board. Only those written bylaws so adopted and so recorded shall be regarded as official bylaws of the County Board.

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Administrative Regulations

The County Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for developing and enforcing administrative regulations. County Superintendent regulations shall be developed in accordance with the provisions in Superintendent and Board Policy No. 2210. At his/her discretion, the County Superintendent or designee may also develop procedures manuals, handbooks, or other guides to carry out the intent of County Board policies. All regulations, procedures manuals, handbooks, and guides shall be consistent with applicable County Board policies.

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Amended: 04/20/2013 (Board Bylaw No. 9311), 11/15/2018

Legal ReferenceEducation Code

1015 Vote requirements

1040-1042 Duty of county board to adopt rules for its own governance

35160-35160.2 Authority of governing boards

Management ResourcesWeb Sites

CSBA, Policy Services, including Policy Update Service, Governance and Management Using Technology (GAMUT Online), Policy Review Program, Individual Policy Workshops, Agenda Online, and Manual Maintenance: <http://www.csba.org/ps>