

***Riverside County Office of Education  
Board Bylaw 9130 Board Committees***

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**BYLAWS OF THE BOARD**

**SUBJECT: Board Committees**

The County Board of Education may establish Board committees as necessary. The Board shall determine the duties of the committee at the time of its appointment. Unless specifically authorized by the Board to act on its behalf, Board committees shall act in an advisory capacity. When its duties have been completed, the committee shall be dissolved.

The Board president shall appoint all committees with County Board approval.

County Board of Education committees shall provide public notice of their meetings and conduct these meetings in accordance with state open meeting laws.

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)  
(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

County Board of Education advisory committees composed solely of less than a quorum of the members of the Board are not subject to open meeting laws unless they are standing committees that have a continuing subject matter jurisdiction or a meeting schedule established by the Board. (Government Code 54952)

Standing committees with a continuing subject matter jurisdiction include but are not limited to those responsible for providing advice on budgets, audits, contracts and personnel matters at the Board's request.

When a majority of the members of the Board attend an open and noticed meeting of a standing committee, the Board members who are not members of the standing committee shall attend only as observers. (Government Code 54952.2)

The County Superintendent or designee may serve as an advisor to any committee at the discretion of the County Board of Education.

Whenever so charged, committees may actively seek input and participation by parents/guardians, staff, community and students and may consult with local public boards and agencies.

When a County Board of Education committee composed exclusively of Board members has provided for public comment on an item at a public meeting before or during the committee's consideration of the item, the Board is not obliged to provide for public comment on the item at a subsequent Board meeting. Public comment shall be afforded, however, if the Board determines that the item has been substantially changed since it was heard by the committee. (Government Code 54954.3)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1040 Duties and responsibilities; county boards of education

1042 County boards; authority

35160.1 Authority of governing boards

GOVERNMENT CODE

54952 Legislative body, definition

54952.2 Definition of meeting

54954 Time and place of regular meetings; special meetings; emergencies

54954.3 Opportunity for public to address legislative body

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

81 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 156 (1998)

80 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 308 (1997)

79 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 69 (1996)