

Bylaws of the Board

PRESIDENT

The president shall preside at all Governing Board Meetings. He/she shall:

1. Call the meeting to order at the appointed time;
2. Announce the business to come before the Board in its proper order;
3. Enforce the Board's policies relating to the order of business and the conduct of meetings. At the discretion of the Board President, the President will read the civility statement: For purposes of staff morale and civility, we request that speakers consider refraining from direct criticism of a specific individual or employee at our meeting. The District has an official complaint policy and brochure that should be followed in addressing serious concerns about employee performance or actions.
4. Recognize persons who desire to speak, and protect the speaker who has the floor from disturbance or interference;
5. Explain what the effect of a motion would be if it is not clear to every member;
6. Restrict discussion to the question when a motion is before the Board;
7. Rule on parliamentary procedure;
8. Put motions to a vote, and state clearly the results of the vote.

The president shall have all the rights of any member of the Board, including the right to move, second, discuss, and vote on all questions before the Board.

The Board President shall also perform other duties as directed by law, State Department of Education regulations and the Board, including the duty to:

1. Sign all instruments, acts, and orders necessary to carry out state requirements and the will of the Board;
2. Consult with the Superintendent or designee on the preparation of the Board's agendas. The President and Vice-President will attend agenda setting meetings. If the President or the Vice-President cannot attend the meeting then the Clerk will be invited to attend the meeting. The intent of the Board is that there should be two Trustees at agenda settings meetings;
3. Appoint and disband all committees, subject to Board approval;
4. Call such meetings of the Board as he/she may deem necessary, giving notice as prescribed by law;
5. Confer with the Superintendent or designee on crucial matters which may occur between Board meeting;
6. Be responsible for the orderly conduct of all Board meetings;
7. Share informational mail with other Board members;
8. It is the responsibility of the Board President to coordinate with the Superintendent and Trustees the annual evaluation process including establishing timelines that provide for the successful completion of the Superintendent's evaluation process by the organizational meeting in December.

(cf. 9320 – Meetings)

When the President resigns or is absent or disabled, the Vice-President shall perform the President's duties. When both the President and Vice-President are absent or disabled, the Clerk shall perform the President's duties.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35022 President of the board

35143 Annual organizational meetings; dates and notice

35144 Special meetings