

Orientation

County Board Candidate Orientation

The Yolo County Board of Education (“County Board”) and Yolo County Superintendent of Schools (“Superintendent”) desire to provide County Board candidates with information that will enable them to understand the responsibilities and expectations of County Board membership. The Superintendent or designee shall provide all candidates with general information about Yolo County Office of Education (“YCOE”) programs and operations, County Board member responsibilities, and the county election official's contact 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 and YCOE staff and information.

New County Board Member Orientation

The County Board shall provide an orientation and information to incoming County Board members to assist them in understanding the County Board's functions, policies, procedures, protocols, and agreed-upon standards of conduct. Incoming County Board members shall receive the YCOE policy manual and other materials related to the YCOE and County Board member responsibilities.

Upon their election, incoming County Board members shall be provided a copy of the Brown Act and informed that, pursuant to Government Code 54952.1, they must conform to the Act's requirements as if they had already assumed office.

The Superintendent may provide incoming County Board members with additional background and information regarding the YCOE's vision and goals, operations, and current challenges in areas that include, but are not limited to, student achievement, curriculum, finance, facilities, and policy.

Incoming members are encouraged to attend County Board meetings and review agenda materials available to the public in order to become familiar with current issues facing the YCOE. Incoming members also may, at YCOE expense and with prior approval of the County Board, attend workshops and conferences relevant to their individual needs or to the needs of the County Board or the YCOE as a whole.

Legal Reference:

Education Code, 33360, 33362-33363

Elections Code, 13307, 20440

Government Code, 54950-54963

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

Websites

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

CCBE : <http://www.theccbe.org>

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

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