

Bylaw 9324: Minutes And Recordings

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The Governing Board recognizes that maintaining accurate minutes of Board meetings helps foster public trust in Board governance and provides a record of Board actions for use by district staff and the public.

The secretary of the Board shall keep minutes and record all official Board actions. The Board's minutes shall be public records and shall be made available to the public upon request. (Education Code 35145, 35163)

The minutes of Board meetings shall include, but not be limited to:

1. A notation of which Board members are present, in person or by teleconference, and whether a member is not present for part of the meeting due to late arrival and/or early departure
2. A brief summary of the Board's discussion on each agenda topic, rather than a verbatim record of each Board member's specific points of view during the discussion
3. A summary of the public comments made on agendized items and unagendized topics
4. The specific language of each motion and the names of the Board members who made and seconded the motion
5. Preferential votes cast by student Board member(s) (Education Code 35012)
6. Any action taken by the Board, and the vote or abstention on that action of each Board member present (Education Code 35145; Government Code 54953)

Upon request by a student's parent/guardian, or by the student if age 18 or older, the minutes shall not include the student's or parent/guardian's address, telephone number, date of birth, or email address, or the student's name or other directory information as defined in Education Code 49061. The request to exclude such information shall be made in writing to the secretary or clerk of the Board. (Education Code 49073.2)

The Board agenda shall include a statement of the option and process for students and parents/guardians to request that such information be excluded from the minutes.

The Superintendent or designee shall distribute a copy of the "unapproved" minutes of the previous meeting(s) with the agenda for the next regular meeting. The Board shall approve the minutes as circulated or with necessary amendments.

Official Board minutes and recordings shall be stored in a secure location and shall be retained in accordance with law.

Any minutes or recordings kept for Board meetings held in closed session shall be kept separately from the minutes or recordings of regular and special meetings. Minutes or recordings of closed sessions are not public records. (Government Code 54957.2)

Recording or Broadcasting of Meetings

The district may tape, film, stream, or broadcast any open Board meeting. At the beginning of the meeting, the Board president shall announce that a recording or broadcasting is being made at the direction of the Board and that the recording or broadcast may capture images and sounds of those attending the meeting. As practicable, the recorder or camera shall be placed in plain view of meeting participants.

Any district recording may be erased or destroyed 30 days after the meeting. Recordings made at the direction of the Board during a meeting are public records and, upon request, shall be made available for inspection by members of the public on district equipment without charge. (Government Code 54953.5)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
5 CCR 16020-16027	Destruction of records of school districts
Ed. Code 35012	Board members: number, election and terms
Ed. Code 35145	Public meetings
Ed. Code 35163	Official actions, minutes and journal
Ed. Code 35164	Actions by majority vote
Ed. Code 49061	Definitions: directory information
Ed. Code 49073.2	Privacy of student and parent/guardian personal information: minutes of board meeting
Gov. Code 54952.2	Meeting: defined
Gov. Code 54953	Meetings to be open and public: attendance
Gov. Code 54953.5	Audio or video recording of proceedings
Gov. Code 54953.6	Broadcasting of proceedings
Gov. Code 54957.2	Closed sessions; clerk; minute book
Gov. Code 54960	Actions to stop or prevent violation of meeting provisions
Pen. Code 632	Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications
Management Resources	Description
CSBA Publication	Call to Order: A Blueprint for Great Board Meetings, 2015
CSBA Publication	The Brown Act: School Boards and Open Meeting Laws, rev. 2019
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services

Cross References

Code	Description
1340	<u>Access To District Records</u>
1340	<u>Access To District Records</u>
3314	<u>Payment For Goods And Services</u>
3314	<u>Payment For Goods And Services</u>
3580	<u>District Records</u>
3580	<u>District Records</u>
4312.1	<u>Contracts</u>
5125.1	<u>Release Of Directory Information</u>
5125.1	<u>Release Of Directory Information</u>
5125.1-E(1)	<u>Release Of Directory Information</u>
7214	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>
7214	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>
9000	<u>Role Of The Board</u>
9005	<u>Governance Standards</u>
9122	<u>Secretary</u>
9150	<u>Student Board Members</u>
9250	<u>Remuneration, Reimbursement And Other Benefits</u>
9250-E(1)	<u>Remuneration, Reimbursement And Other Benefits</u>
9320	<u>Meetings And Notices</u>
9322	<u>Agenda/Meeting Materials</u>
9323	<u>Meeting Conduct</u>
9323.2	<u>Actions By The Board</u>
9323.2-E(1)	<u>Actions By The Board</u>
9323.2-E(2)	<u>Actions By The Board</u>