

Bylaw 9322: Agenda/Meeting Materials

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Governing Board meeting agendas shall reflect the district's vision and goals and the Board's focus on student learning and well-being.

CSBA NOTE: Government Code 54954.2 requires meeting agendas to briefly describe each item to be discussed, including closed session items, and states that a brief general description of an item generally need not exceed 20 words. For information regarding the different types of meetings and meeting location requirements, see BB 9320 - Meetings and Notices. For information regarding remote meetings and attendance, see BB 9320.1 - Remote Meetings and Attendance. For agenda requirements regarding closed session agenda items, see BB 9321 - Closed Session.

Each agenda shall state the meeting time and location(s) and shall briefly describe each item listed in the agenda, including items to be discussed in closed session in accordance with Board Bylaw 9321 - Closed Session. (Government Code 54954.2)

For a regular meeting, the Board may consider an item not included in the posted agenda in accordance with Board Bylaw 9323.2 - Actions by the Board.

Public Comment

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 35145.5 mandates the Board to adopt regulations which ensure that the public can address the Board regarding matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

The agenda shall provide members of the public the opportunity to address the Board on any agenda item before or during the Board's consideration of the item, including items to be considered in closed session in accordance with Board Bylaw 9321 - Closed Session and items listed on the consent agenda. (Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54954.3)

CSBA NOTE: Government Code 54954.3 authorizes reasonable regulations regarding public comment, including establishing limits on the total amount of time allocated for public testimony and for each individual speaker.

There are different practices regarding public comment. Option 1 below reflects that members of the public are provided with one opportunity to address the Board on all open session agenda items. Option 2 below reflects that members of the public are provided with separate opportunities to address the Board on each open session agenda item. Districts should select and complete the option below that reflects district practice or modify an option below to reflect district practice.

OPTION 1 (ONE PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM FOR ALL OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEMS)

Before any other open session agenda item, there shall be one public comment item on every meeting agenda to give members of the public the opportunity to address the Board on any item on the open session agenda. The public comment period shall last no longer than _____ minutes unless extended in accordance with Board Bylaw 9323 - Meeting Conduct. No member of the public may be permitted to speak more than once during this item.

OPTION 1 ENDS HERE

OPTION 2 (SEPARATE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR EACH OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM)

As part of every open session item, there shall be an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on that item. The time set aside for public comment on each item shall last no longer than _____ minutes unless extended in accordance with Board Bylaw 9323 - Meeting Conduct. No member of the public may be permitted to speak more than once on each item.

OPTION 2 ENDS HERE

CSBA NOTE: Government Code 54954.3 provides an exception to the public comment requirement when the item was previously considered by a committee comprised exclusively of Board members and, as amended by SB 707 (Ch. 327, Statutes of 2025), imposes additional requirements for when the exceptions may apply.

The agenda need not provide an opportunity for public comment on an item that has previously been considered at an open meeting by a committee comprised exclusively of Board members, provided that all of the following

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Agenda Content

Governing Board meeting agendas shall reflect the district's vision and goals and the Board's focus on student learning and well-being.

Each agenda shall state the meeting time and location and shall briefly describe each item to be transacted or discussed, including items to be discussed in closed session. (Government Code 54954.2)

The agenda shall provide members of the public the opportunity to address the Board on any agenda item before or during the Board's consideration of the item. The agenda shall also provide members of the public an opportunity to address the Board regarding matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board which are not on the agenda. (Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54954.3)

The agenda does not need to provide an opportunity for public comment on an item that has previously been considered at an open meeting by a committee comprised exclusively of Board members, provided that members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the item, before or during the committee's consideration of the item, and the item has not been substantially changed since the committee considered it. (Government Code 54954.3)

The notice and agenda shall describe the means available for the public to access the meeting and provide public comment in-person and, if a Board member is appearing remotely due to an emergency circumstance or for just cause pursuant to Government Code 54953, through an internet-based service or call-in option. (Government Code 54953)

The agenda shall include information regarding how, when, and to whom a request for disability-related accommodations or modifications, including auxiliary aids and services, may be made by an individual who requires accommodations or modifications in order to participate in the Board meeting, as well as the procedure for receiving and resolving such requests as required by law. (Government Code 54954.2, 54953)

Each agenda for a regular meeting shall list the address designated by the Superintendent or designee for public inspection of documents related to an open session item, or for records of a statement threatening litigation against the district to be discussed in closed session, when such documents have been distributed to the Board less than 72 hours before the meeting. (Government Code 54956.9, 54957.5)

Each agenda shall include a statement regarding the option for students and parents/guardians to request that directory information or personal information of the student or parent/guardian, as defined in Education Code 49061 and/or 49073.2, be excluded from the minutes. The agenda shall also state that the request must be made in writing to the secretary or clerk of the Board.

Agenda Structure

Each Board of Education meeting agenda shall include the following:

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board President shall lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Territorial Land Acknowledgment

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a territorial land acknowledgments hall be read, recognizing the historical and ongoing presence of Indigenous peoples on the land where Santa Rosa City Schools operate. The land acknowledgment may be read by a Board member or an invited guest.

The following sample land acknowledgment may be used:

"We acknowledge that Santa Rosa City Schools is on the traditional territory and homelands of the Pomo People, traditional territory and homelands of the Coast Miwok People, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. This land acknowledgment calls us to commit to continuing to learn how to be better stewards of the land we inhabit. By offering this Land Acknowledgment, we

conditions were met: (Government Code 54954.3)

1. Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the item, before or during the committee's consideration of the item
2. The item has not been substantially changed since the committee considered it
3. A quorum of the committee attended and participated in the committee meeting at which the item was considered from a singular physical location that was clearly identified on the agenda, open to the public, and situated within the boundaries of the district
4. Any other applicable provisions of Government Code 54954.3

Additionally, the agenda for a regular meeting shall provide members of the public with an opportunity to address the Board regarding matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board which are not on the agenda. (Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54954.3)

The notice and agenda shall include information describing how members of the public can access the platform or service and how members of the public can offer public comment if required pursuant to Board Bylaw 9320.1 - Remote Meetings and Attendance.

Disability-Related Accommodations or Modifications

CSBA NOTE: Government Code 54954.2 requires that the agenda include information regarding how, when, and to whom a request for a disability-related accommodation or modification may be made. Additionally, Government Code 54953.8, as added by SB 707, restates the requirements from Government Code 54953 which provides that boards maintain and implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 USC 12132), and to resolve any doubt in favor of accessibility. The following paragraph should be modified to reflect district practice as to when and to whom such a request should be made.

The agenda shall include information regarding how, when, and to whom a request for disability-related accommodations or modifications, including auxiliary aids and services, may be made by an individual who requires accommodations or modifications in order to participate in the meeting, as well as the procedure for receiving and resolving such requests as required by law. (Government Code 54953.8, 54954.2)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 54957.5, the agenda for a regular meeting is required to include the address of the location where the public can inspect any materials that are related to an open session item and are distributed to the Board less than 72 hours before that meeting. In *Fowler v. City of Lafayette*, the California Appellate Court clarified that the disclosure requirements of Government Code 54957.5 also apply to claims or written threats of litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9.

For more information regarding the dissemination of agenda materials to the public, see "Regular Meeting Agenda Dissemination to Members of the Public" and "Special Meeting Agenda Dissemination to Members of the Public" below.

Each agenda for a regular meeting shall list the address designated by the Superintendent or designee for public inspection of documents related to an open session item, or for records of a statement threatening litigation against the district to be discussed in closed session, when such documents have been distributed to the Board less than 72 hours before the meeting. (Government Code 54956.9, 54957.5)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 49073.2, the Board is prohibited from including in its minutes a student's directory information, as defined in Education Code 49061, or a parent/guardian's personal information, as defined in Education Code 49073.2, when the student or parent/guardian has provided the Board with a written request that such information be excluded; for more information on regarding minutes, see BB 9324 - Minutes and Recordings. In order to notify students and parents/guardians of the right to request that this information be withheld, the following paragraph requires including such a statement in each agenda and should be modified to reflect district practice.

Each agenda shall include a statement regarding the option for students and parents/guardians to request that directory information or personal information of the student or parent/guardian, as defined in Education Code 49061 and/or 49073.2, be excluded from the minutes. Additionally, the agenda shall state that the request must be made in writing to the secretary or clerk of the Board. (Education Code 49073.2)

affirm Indigenous sovereignty and will work to hold Santa Rosa City Schools more accountable to the needs of American Indian and Indigenous peoples."

The member or guest making the acknowledgment may read a modified version of their own, provided it remains in the same spirit of honoring the history, culture, and contributions of Indigenous peoples. It is welcomed and encouraged for the land acknowledgment to also be read in an Indigenous language and/or Spanish.

Agenda Preparation

The Board president and the Superintendent, as secretary to the Board, shall work together to develop the agenda for each regular and special meeting. *The Vice-President shall also collaborate in the agenda preparation process as deemed appropriate, ensuring alignment with Board priorities and fostering broader input. Such collaboration is encouraged, though at the discretion of the Board president and Superintendent.*

Any Board member or member of the public may request that a matter within the jurisdiction of the Board be placed on the agenda of a regular meeting. The request shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent or designee with supporting documents and information.

The Board president and Superintendent shall decide whether a request is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Items not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board may not be placed on the agenda. In addition, before placing the item on the agenda, the Board president and Superintendent shall determine if the item is merely a request for information, and if so, respond accordingly.

If the Board president and Superintendent deny a request from a Board member to place an item on the agenda, the Board member may request the Board take action during a Board meeting to determine whether the item shall be placed on the agenda.

The Board president and Superintendent shall also decide whether an agenda item is appropriate for discussion in open or closed session, whether the item should be an action item subject to Board vote or an information item, and when the item is placed on the agenda.

Consent Agenda/Calendar

In order to promote efficient meetings, the Board may bundle a number of items and act upon them together by a single vote through the use of a consent agenda. Consent items shall be items of a routine nature and items for which Board discussion is not anticipated and for which the Superintendent recommends approval.

When any Board member requests the removal of an item from the consent agenda, the item shall be removed and given individual consideration for action as a separate agenda item.

The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to comment on any consent agenda item unless such item has been previously considered at an open meeting of a committee comprised exclusively of Board members. (Government Code 54954.3)

Any Board action that involves borrowing \$100,000 or more shall be discussed, considered, and deliberated upon as a separate item of business on the meeting agenda. (Government Code 53635.7)

All public communications with the Board are subject to requirements of relevant Board policies and administrative regulations.

Agenda Dissemination to Board Members

At least 72 hours before each regular meeting, each Board member shall be provided a copy of the agenda and agenda packet, including the Superintendent or designee's report; minutes to be approved; copies of communications; reports from committees, staff, citizens, and others; and other available documents pertinent to the meeting.

When special meetings are called, Board members shall receive, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, notice of the business to be transacted. (Government Code 54956)

Board members shall review agenda materials before each meeting. Individual members may confer directly with the

Agenda Preparation

CSBA NOTE: It is common practice for the Board president and the Superintendent to work together to develop the agenda for each meeting. However, some Boards prefer that the Board president makes the final decision regarding the agenda. The following paragraph reflects collaboration between the Board president and Superintendent and should be modified to reflect district practice.

The Board president and the Superintendent, as secretary to the Board, shall work together to develop the agenda for each meeting, including whether an item requires Board action and whether an item shall be considered in open or closed session.

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 35145.5 mandates that the Board adopt reasonable regulations to ensure that members of the public can place matters directly related to district business on meeting agendas. Districts are free to establish their own timeline for placing an item on the agenda, taking into account staff time and resources, as long as the established timeline is a reasonable one. In *Caldwell v. Roseville Joint Union High School District*, a federal district court upheld a district bylaw requiring members of the public to submit a written request in order to place items on a meeting agenda. The following paragraph requires that members of the public submit a written request and should be revised to reflect district practice.

Any member of the public, or an individual Board member acting in that Board member's capacity as a member of the public, may request that a matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board be placed on the agenda of a regular meeting. The request shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent or designee with supporting documents and information. (Education Code 35145.5)

CSBA NOTE: In *Mooney v. Garcia*, the California Appellate Court reaffirmed the Board's discretion in determining whether an agenda item is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

The Board president and Superintendent shall decide whether such a request is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Items not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board shall not be placed on the agenda. Additionally, if the Board president and Superintendent determine that the request is merely a request for information, then the request shall not be placed on the agenda.

CSBA NOTE: It is common practice for individual Board members to be permitted to request that matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board be placed on an agenda. However, even if no such explicit permission exists, Board members may do so as members of the public pursuant to Government Code 35145.5. The following two paragraphs, which should be modified to reflect district practice, create separate authority for individual Board members to request that matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board be placed on an agenda and a process by which that request can be voted on by the Board if it is denied.

A Board member may request in writing, at a meeting as part of a related open session item, or at a meeting as part of an open session item intended for this purpose that a specific matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board be placed on an upcoming Board agenda. Within thirty (30) days of receiving the request, the Board member shall be informed by the Board president if the request has been approved or denied by the Board president and Superintendent.

If the request is approved, the Board president and Superintendent shall inform the Board member of the general timeframe that the matter will be placed on an agenda, on which part of the agenda the item will appear, and whether the item requires action by the Board. If the request is denied, the Board president and Superintendent fail to provide a response to the request, or the requesting Board member disagrees with the timeframe that the matter will be placed on an agenda, on which part of the agenda the item will appear, or whether the item requires action by the Board, then the Board member may appeal the response to the request to the Board. The Board president and Superintendent shall place the appeal on the next upcoming regular meeting agenda for Board action, but only as to whether, when, and how to agendize the requested matter. If a majority of the Board agrees with the appeal, the item will be considered in accordance with the decision of the majority of the Board.

CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph is for boards that use the consent agenda or calendar to take action on matters of a routine nature for which discussion may not be necessary. It is important for such boards to limit the use of the consent agenda to noncontroversial matters and to establish rules that help ensure that any use of the consent agenda does not reduce transparency in the Board's conduct of district business or result in violation of the open meeting laws. Additionally, boards should be aware that, by law, certain items may not be placed on the consent agenda. For more information regarding what item may not be placed on the consent agenda, see BB 9323.2 - Actions by the Board.

In order to promote efficient meetings, the Board may bundle a number of items and act upon them together by a single vote through the use of a consent agenda, except as required by law. Consent items shall be items of a routine

nature for which Board discussion is not anticipated and for which the Superintendent recommends approval.

Agenda Dissemination to Board Members

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 7921.310, when the Board, in the conduct of its duties, is authorized by law to access any writing of the Board or district, including the agenda and supporting documents, the district is prohibited from discriminating between or among Board members as to when and which writing will be made available.

At least 72 hours before each regular meeting, each Board member shall be provided a copy of the agenda and all related materials such as the Superintendent or designee's report; minutes to be approved; copies of communications; reports from committees, staff, and others; and other available supporting documents pertinent to the meeting. Additionally, the Superintendent or designee may distribute to the Board additional materials related to agenda items less than 72 hours before each regular meeting, as permitted by law.

CSBA NOTE: Government Code 54956, as amended by SB 707, only refers to the authority to "call" and "notice" a special meeting. However, in practice these terms, particularly "notice," are synonymous with "agenda." The following paragraph utilizes the term "agenda" and should be modified to reflect district practice.

When a special meeting is called, Board members shall receive the agenda and all related materials at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. (Government Code 54956)

Board members shall review the agenda and all related materials before each regular or special meeting. Individual Board members may confer directly with the Superintendent or designee to ask questions and/or request additional information on agenda items. However, a majority of Board members shall not, outside of a noticed meeting, directly or through intermediaries or electronic means, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

Regular Meeting Agenda Dissemination to Members of the Public

The agenda and all related materials distributed to the Board related to a regular meeting shall be made available to the public upon request without delay. However, only those documents which are disclosable public records under the California Public Records Act (CPRA) and which relate to an agenda item scheduled for the open session portion of a regular meeting or which contain a claim or written threat of litigation which will be discussed in closed session shall be made available to the public. (Government Code 54956.9, 54957.5)

CSBA NOTE: The Attorney General opined in 78 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 327 (1995) that weekend hours may be counted as part of the 72-hour period for posting of the agenda prior to a regular meeting. In the same opinion, the Attorney General found that the requirement for the agenda to be posted in a "freely accessible" location means that it can be read by the public at any time, including evening hours, during the 72 hours immediately preceding the meeting.

At least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting, the agenda shall be posted at one or more locations freely accessible to members of the public. (Government Code 54954.2)

CSBA NOTE: Government Code 54954.2 requires that the agenda be posted on the homepage of the district website, if it has one, in accordance with law. Districts that use an integrated agenda management platform, such as CSBA's GAMUT Meetings, may provide a direct link on the homepage of the district's website to access agendas posted on the platform. Pursuant to Government Code 54954.2, the link is required to not be solely accessible through a contextual menu, and the agenda must be posted in a format which is retrievable, downloadable, indexable, electronically searchable by commonly used Internet search applications, available to the public free of charge, and without any restriction that would impede the reuse or redistribution of the agenda.

The Attorney General has opined in 99 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 11 (2016) that the Brown Act regular meeting online agenda posting provision contained within Government Code 54954.2 is not necessarily violated when a local agency's website experiences technical difficulties that cause the agenda to become inaccessible to the public for a portion of the 72 hours that precede the meeting. If the local agency has otherwise substantially complied with the Brown Act agenda posting requirements, the legislative body may lawfully hold its regular meeting as scheduled.

Pursuant to Government Code 54957.5, the district may post on the district's website any writing related to an open session item of a regular meeting which is distributed to Board members less than 72 hours before the meeting, when, due to the closure of the location designated for inspection, the writing is not available for inspection by the public. To post such a writing, the requirements specified in Items #1-4 below are required to be

Superintendent or designee to ask questions and/or request additional information on agenda items. However, a majority of Board members shall not directly or through intermediaries or electronic means discuss, deliberate, or take action on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

Agenda Dissemination to Members of the Public

Agenda and related materials distributed to the Board shall be made available to the public upon request without delay. However, only those documents which are disclosable public records under the Public Records Act (PRA) and which relate to an agenda item scheduled for the open session portion of a regular meeting or which contain a claim or written threat of litigation which will be discussed in closed session shall be made available to the public. (Government Code 54956.9, 54957.5)

At least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting, the agenda shall be posted at one or more locations freely accessible to members of the public. (Government Code 54954.2)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall post the agenda on the district website. The posted agenda shall be accessible through a prominent direct link to the current agenda or to the district's agenda management platform in accordance with Government Code 54954.2. When the district utilizes an integrated agenda management platform, the link to that platform shall take the user directly to the website with the district's agendas, and the current agenda shall be the first available. (Government Code 54954.2)

If a writing which relates to an open session agenda item or which contains a claim or written threat of litigation which will be discussed in closed session during a regular Board meeting is distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to a meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall make the writing available for public inspection at a designated location at the same time the document is distributed to all or a majority of the Board. However, if the writing is distributed to at least a majority of the Board at a time when the designated location is closed to the public, this requirement may be satisfied by posting the writing on the district website if the following conditions are met: (Government Code 54957.5)

1. An initial staff report or similar document containing an executive summary and any staff recommendations related to the agenda item is made available for public inspection at the designated location at least 72 hours before the meeting
2. The writing is immediately posted on the district's website in a position and manner that makes it clear that the writing relates to an agenda item for the upcoming meeting
3. The district lists the website address where such writings may be accessed on all Board meeting agendas
4. A physical copy of the document is made available for public inspection at the designated location at the beginning of the next regular business hours, but not less than 24 hours before the relevant Board meeting

The Superintendent or designee shall mail a copy of the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet to any person who requests the items. The materials shall be mailed at the time the agenda is posted or upon distribution of the agenda to a majority of the Board, whichever occurs first. (Government Code 54954.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall email a copy of, or a website link to, the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet to any person who requests such items to be delivered by email. If the Superintendent or designee determines that it is technologically infeasible to do so, a copy of the agenda or a website link to the agenda and a copy of all other documents constituting the agenda packet shall be sent to the person who has made the request in accordance with mailing requirements specified in law. (Government Code 54954.1)

Any request for mailed copies of agendas or agenda packets shall be in writing and shall be valid for the calendar year in which it is filed. Written requests must be renewed following January 1 of each year. (Government Code 54954.1)

Persons requesting mailing of the agenda or agenda packet shall pay an annual fee, as determined by the Superintendent or designee, not to exceed the cost of providing the service.

Any document prepared by the district or Board and distributed during a public meeting shall be made available for public inspection at the meeting. Any document prepared by another person shall be made available for public inspection after the meeting. These requirements shall not apply to a document that is exempt from public disclosure under the PRA. (Government Code 54957.5)

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall make the agenda, agenda packet, and/or any writings distributed

met. It is recommended that districts with questions regarding this exception consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel.

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall post the agenda on the homepage of the district website. The posted agenda shall be accessible through a prominent direct link to the current agenda or to the district's agenda management platform in accordance with Government Code 54954.2. When the district utilizes an integrated agenda management platform, the link to that platform shall take the user directly to the website with the district's agendas, and the current agenda shall be the first available. (Government Code 54954.2)

If a writing which relates to an open session agenda item or which contains a claim or written threat of litigation which will be discussed in closed session during a regular meeting is distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to the meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall make the writing available for public inspection at a designated location at the same time the document is distributed to all or a majority of the Board. However, if the writing is distributed to at least a majority of the Board at a time when the designated location is closed to the public, this requirement may be satisfied by posting the writing on the district website if the following conditions are met: (Government Code 54957.5)

1. An initial staff report or similar document containing an executive summary and any staff recommendations related to the agenda item is made available for public inspection at the designated location at least 72 hours before the meeting
2. The writing is immediately posted on the district's website in a position and manner that makes it clear that the writing relates to an agenda item for the upcoming meeting
3. The district lists the website address where such writings may be accessed on all Board meeting agendas
4. A physical copy of the document is made available for public inspection at the designated location at the beginning of the next regular business hours, but not less than 24 hours before the meeting

The Superintendent or designee shall mail a copy of the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet to any person who requests the items. The materials shall be mailed at the time the agenda is posted or upon distribution of the agenda to a majority of the Board, whichever occurs first. (Government Code 54954.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall email a copy of, or a website link to, the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet to any person who requests such items to be delivered by email. If the Superintendent or designee determines that it is technologically infeasible to do so, a copy of the agenda or a website link to the agenda and a copy of all other documents constituting the agenda packet shall be sent to the person who has made the request in accordance with mailing requirements specified in law. (Government Code 54954.1)

Any request for mailed copies of agendas or agenda packets shall be in writing and shall be valid for the calendar year in which it is filed. Written requests must be renewed following January 1 of each year. (Government Code 54954.1)

CSBA NOTE: Government Code 54954.1 authorizes districts to charge a fee for mailing the agenda or agenda packet as long as the fee does not exceed the cost of providing the service. Pursuant to Government Code 54957.5, a surcharge may not be imposed for providing the agenda and other public record documents in alternative formats to persons with disabilities. The following optional paragraph is for use by districts that charge a fee for mailing the agenda or agenda packet and should be deleted or modified to reflect district practice.

Persons requesting mailing of the agenda or agenda packet shall pay an annual fee, as determined by the Superintendent or designee, not to exceed the cost of providing the service.

Any document prepared by the district or Board and distributed during an open meeting shall be made available for public inspection at the meeting. Any document prepared by another person shall be made available for public inspection after the meeting. These requirements shall not apply to a document that is exempt from public disclosure under the CPRA. (Government Code 54957.5)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 54954.1, upon request, the agenda and all related materials are required to be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required under the ADA. Examples of alternative formats, also referred to as "auxiliary aids and services," are listed in 28 CFR 36.303 and include accessible electronic and information technology, audio recordings, or Braille materials.

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall make the agenda, agenda packet, and/or any writings distributed at the meeting available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by the Americans

with Disabilities Act. (Government Code 54954.1)

Special Meeting Agenda Dissemination to Members of the Public

CSBA NOTE: The portions of the Brown Act related to the dissemination of the agenda and related materials are inconsistent in regard to whether they apply solely to regular meetings or are silent as to which type of meeting they apply. Out of an abundance of caution and to reflect common practice among districts, the following section, which should be modified to reflect district practice, is written to extend the agenda dissemination requirements for regular meetings to special meetings. It is recommended that districts with questions regarding special meeting agenda dissemination consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel.

The requirements for the dissemination of regular meeting agendas and related materials and writings to members of the public found in "Regular Meeting Agenda Dissemination to Members of the Public" shall be applicable to the dissemination of special meeting agendas and related materials and writings to members of the public except that the 24-hour requirement shall apply rather than the 72-hour requirement.

at the meeting available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. (Government Code 54954.1)

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