

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.

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

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)

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.

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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 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

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)

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. 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)

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 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 meeting, including whether an item requires Board action and whether an item shall be considered in open or closed session.

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)

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.

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.

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

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.

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)

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)

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)

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)

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

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.

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 Governing Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

	Description
Ed. Code 35144	Special meeting
Ed. Code 35145	Public meetings
Ed. Code 35145.5	Agenda; public participation and regulations
Ed. Code 49061	Definitions; directory information
Ed. Code 49073.2	Privacy of student and parent/guardian personal information; minutes of board meeting
Gov. Code 53635.7	Separate item of business for borrowing of \$100,000 or more
Gov. Code 54950-54963	The Ralph M. Brown Act
Gov. Code 54953	Meetings; Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility
Gov. Code 54953.8	Remote meeting and attendance
Gov. Code 54953.8.2	State of emergency
Gov. Code 54953.8.3	Just cause
Gov. Code 54954.1	Request for copy of agenda or agenda packet by member of public
Gov. Code 54954.2	Agenda posting requirements; board actions
Gov. Code 54954.3	Opportunity for public to address legislative body
Gov. Code 54954.5	Closed session item descriptions
Gov. Code 54956	Special meetings
Gov. Code 54956.5	Emergency meetings
Gov. Code 54956.9	Meetings
Gov. Code 54957.5	Public records
Gov. Code 54960.2	Challenging board actions; cease and desist
Gov. Code 7920.000-7930.170	California Public Records Act
Gov. Code 95000-95004	California Early Intervention Services Act

Federal

	Description
28 CFR 35.160	Effective communications for individuals with disabilities
28 CFR 36.303	Nondiscrimination on the basis of disability; public accommodations, auxiliary aids, and services
42 USC 12101-12213	Americans with Disabilities Act

Management Resources

	Description
Attorney General Opinion	99 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 11 (2016)
Attorney General Opinion	78 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 327 (1995)
Attorney General Publication	The Brown Act: Open Meetings for Legislative Bodies, rev. 2003
Court Decision	Sierra Watch v. County of Placer (2022) 69 Cal.App.5th 86
Court Decision	Fowler v. City of Lafayette (2020) 45 Cal.App.5th 68
Court Decision	Caldwell v. Roseville Joint Union High School District (2007) U.S. Dist. LEXIS 66318
Court Decision	Mooney v. Garcia (2012) 207 Cal.App.4th 229

Management Resources

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Description[The Brown Act: School Boards and Open Meeting Laws, rev. 2023](#)[Call to Order: A Blueprint for Great Board Meetings, 2018](#)[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)[California Attorney General's Office](#)[CSBA](#)**Cross References**

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