

Bylaw 9010: Public Statements

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All public statements in the name of the Governing Board shall be issued by the Board president or, if appropriate, by the Superintendent or designee at the direction of the Board president. No individual Board member shall make public statements in the name of the Board.

The Board recognizes the rights of Board members to freely express their views and encourages open discussion of issues during the Board meeting. The Board believes that effective Board members have a responsibility to express themselves, whether in agreement or disagreement with the Board majority, in ways that promote the Board's ability to govern the district.

Once a Board decision has been reached, all Board members shall abide by that decision until it is amended or rescinded by subsequent Board action. When Board members express their opinions outside of the Board meeting, it is their responsibility to respect the democratic nature of Board decision-making and always identify personal viewpoints as such.

(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

When speaking to community groups, the media, or other members of the public, individual Board members should recognize that their statements may be perceived as reflecting the views and positions of the Board. Board members have a responsibility to identify personal viewpoints as such and not as the viewpoint of the Board.

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 References

Description	Description
Ed. Code 35010	Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
Gov. Code 54960	Actions to stop or prevent violation of meeting provisions
Gov. Code 54963	Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information
Gov. Code 7920.000-7930.170	California Public Records Act

Management Resources References

Description	Description
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	CSBA

Cross References

Description	Description
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
1000	Concepts And Roles
1100	Communication With The Public
1100-E PDF(1)	Communication With The Public
1112	Media Relations
1113	District And School Websites
1113	District And School Websites
1160	Political Processes
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4143	Negotiations/Consultation

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4143.1	Public Notice - Personnel Negotiations
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9000	Role Of The Board
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9011	Disclosure Of Confidential/Privileged Information
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