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ACTIONS BY THE BOARD

The Board of Education shall act by a majority vote of all of the membership constituting the Board, unless otherwise required by law. (Education Code 35164, 35165)

An "action" by the Board means: (Government Code 54952.6)

- 1. A collective decision by a majority of the Board members
- 2. A collective commitment or promise by a majority of the members to make a positive or negative decision
- 3. A vote by a majority of the Board members when sitting as the Board upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order or ordinance

The Board shall not take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final. (Government Code 54953)

Actions taken by the Board in open session shall be recorded in the Board minutes. (Education Code 35145)

Action on Non-Agenda Items

The Board may take action on a subject not appearing on the posted meeting agenda only after publicly identifying the item and if any of the following conditions are met: (Government Code 54954.2)

- 1. When a majority of the Board determines that an emergency situation exists, as defined for emergency meetings pursuant to Government Code 54956.5.
- When two-thirds of the members present, or if less than two-thirds of the members are present by a
 unanimous vote of all members present, determine that the need to take immediate action came to the
 district's attention after the agenda was posted.
- 3. When an item appeared on the agenda of, and was continued from, a meeting that occurred not more than five days earlier.
- 4. Until December 31, 2025, when a Board member requests to participate by teleconference due to emergency circumstances pursuant to Government Code 54953 so long as the timing of the request did not allow for sufficient time to place it on the agenda

Challenging Board Actions

Before seeking to file a civil action to stop or prevent a Brown Act violation or to invalidate a prior action taken by the Board, the district attorney's office or interested person shall first present a demand to "cure and correct" the alleged violation to the district. If the district receives a proper demand from the district attorney's office or any interested person to "cure and correct" an alleged violation of the Brown Act, the Board shall consult with legal counsel on if and how to respond as provided by law. (Government Code 54960-54960.5)

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.



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Code of Civil Procedure 1245.240 Eminent domain vote requirements

Code of Civil Procedure 1245.245 Eminent domain; resolution adopting different use

Code of Civil Procedure 425.16 Special motion to strike in connection with a public issue

Ed. Code 15266 School construction bonds

Ed. Code 17466 Declaration of intent to sell or lease real property

Ed. Code 17481 Lease of property with residence for nondistrict purposes

Ed. Code 17510-17512

<u>Leasing for production of gas; resolution requiring unanimous vote</u>

Ed. Code 17546 Private sale of personal property

Ed. Code 17556-17561 <u>Dedication of real property</u>

Ed. Code 35140-35149 Meetings

Ed. Code 35150 Prohibition to terminate superintendent or assistant superintendent at specified

meetings or times

Ed. Code 35160-35178.4 Powers and duties

Ed. Code 48660-48661 <u>Community day schools; establishment and restrictions</u>

Gov. Code 53090-53097.5 Regulation of local agencies by counties and cities

Gov. Code 53724 <u>Parcel tax resolution requirements</u>

 Gov. Code 53790-53792
 Exceeding the budget

 Gov. Code 53820-53833
 Temporary borrowing

 Gov. Code 53850-53858
 Temporary borrowing

Gov. Code 53650-53656 <u>remporary borrowing</u>

Gov. Code 54230.5

Disposal of surplus land and receipt of notice of violation

Disposal of surplus land and receipt of notice of violation

Disposal of surplus land and receipt of notice of violation

 Gov. Code 54950-54963
 The Ralph M. Brown Act

 Gov. Code 54952.6
 Action taken; definition

Gov. Code 54953 <u>Meetings to be open and public; attendance</u>

Gov. Code 54960-54960.5 Actions to prevent violations

Gov. Code 65352.2 Communicating and coordinating of school sites

Pub. Cont. Code 20110-20118.44 School district contracts

Pub. Cont. Code 20113 Emergencies; award of contracts without bids

Pub. Cont. Code 20114 Repairs, maintenance, and improvements to district facilities by day labor or force

account

Pub. Cont. Code 22034 <u>Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act informal bidding ordinance</u>

Pub. Cont. Code 22035 Repair or replacement of facilities in case of emergency



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Pub. Cont. Code 22050 <u>Emergency contracting procedures</u>

Pub. Cont. Code 3400 Bid specifications

Management Resources Description

Attorney General Publication

The Brown Act: Open Meetings for Legislative Bodies, rev. 2003

Court Decision

Bell v. Vista Unified School District (2002) 82 Cal.App.4th 672

Court Decision

Boyle v. City of Redondo Beach (1999) 70 Cal.App.4th 1109

Court Decision Los Angeles Times Communications LLC v. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

(2003) 112 Cal.App.4th 1313

Court Decision McKee v. Orange Unified School District (2003) 110 Cal.App.4th 1310

CSBA Publication The Brown Act: School Boards and Open Meeting Laws, rev. 2019

League of California Cities

Publication

Open and Public IV: A Guide to the Ralph M. Brown Act 2nd Edition, rev. July 2010

Website CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services

Website <u>Institute for Local Government</u>

Website California Office of the Attorney General

Website <u>CSBA</u>

Cross References

CodeDescription3260Fees And Charges

3270 Sale And Disposal Of Books, Equipment And Supplies

3280 Sale Or Lease Of District-Owned Real Property

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3311.1 Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures

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