



**Chico Unified School District**  
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**Board Bylaws: #9010**

**Section: Bylaws of the Board**  
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## **PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

The Governing Board recognizes the responsibility of Board members in their role as community leaders to participate in public discourse on matters of civic or community interest, including those involving the district, and their right to freely express their personal views. However, to ensure communication of a consistent, unified message regarding district issues, Board members are expected to respect the authority of the Board to choose its representatives to communicate the positions of the Board and to abide by established protocols.

When speaking for the district, the Board encourages its spokespersons to exercise restraint and tact and to communicate the message in a manner that promotes public confidence in the Board's leadership.

Board spokespersons shall not disclose confidential information or information received in closed session except when authorized by a majority of the Board. (Government Code 54963)

*(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)*  
*(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)*

When speaking to community groups, members of the public, or the media, 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.

*(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)*  
*(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)*

In addition, the Board encourages members who participate on social networking sites, blogs, or other discussion or informational sites to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous, and professional manner and to model good behavior for district students and the community.

*(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)*  
*(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)*  
*(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)*  
*(cf. 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications)*

### *Legal Reference:*

**EDUCATION CODE**  
35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules  
**GOVERNMENT CODE**  
6250-6270 California Public Records Act  
54960 Actions to stop or prevent violation of meeting provisions  
54963 Confidential information in closed session

### *Management Resources:*

**WEB SITES**  
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>