



## **Chico Unified School District**

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**Board Bylaws:**

**#9240**

**Section: Bylaws of the Board**

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### **BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

The Governing Board believes that the Board's ability to effectively and responsibly govern the district is essential to promoting student achievement, building positive community relations, and protecting the public interest in district schools. Board members shall be provided opportunities for professional development that helps them understand their responsibilities, learn about new developments in education, and develop boardsmanship skills.

*(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)*

*(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)*

The Board and/or the Superintendent or designee shall provide an orientation to newly elected or appointed Board members which includes information regarding Board roles, policies, and procedures and the district's vision and goals, operations, and current challenges. Throughout their first term, Board members shall continue to participate in additional educational opportunities designed to assist them in understanding the principles of effective governance, including, but not limited to, information on school finance and budgets, student achievement and assessment, labor relations, community relations, program evaluation, open meeting laws (the Brown Act), conflict of interest laws, and other topics necessary to govern effectively and in compliance with law.

*(cf. 9230 - Orientation)*

Funds for board training shall be budgeted annually for the Board. In selecting appropriate activities, the Board shall consider activities that are aligned with the district's vision and goals and the needs of the Board or individual member to obtain specific knowledge and skills.

*(cf. 0000 - Vision)*

*(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*

*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*

*(cf. 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits)*

Board members may attend a conference or similar public gathering with other Board members and/or with the Superintendent or designee in order to develop common knowledge and understanding of an issue or engage in team-building exercises. In such cases, a majority of the Board members shall not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the district's jurisdiction, so as not to violate the Brown Act open meeting laws pursuant to Government Code 54952.2.

*(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)*

#### *Legal Reference:*

**GOVERNMENT CODE**

**54950-54963 The Ralph M. Brown Act, especially:**

**54952.2 Meeting**

#### *Management Resources:*

**CSBA PUBLICATIONS**

**Professional Governance Standards for School Boards**

**WEB SITES**

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

**California County Boards of Education: <http://www.theccbe.org>**

**National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>**

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