



PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES BYLAWS

Title: Types of Meetings; Brown Act Compliance

Bylaw No. 1200

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1. Most of the laws pertaining to the meetings of the Board are set forth in the Brown Act. Much of the substance of the Brown Act is set forth herein as District rules.
2. The District supports the letter and the spirit of the Brown Act, which states in the preamble that "It is the intent of the law that their actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly" and "The People of this State do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created."
3. The types of meetings of the Board are Organizational, Regular, Special, Emergency, Closed, and Adjourned. The general rules governing meetings and the rules which are respectively applicable to each type of meeting are hereinafter set forth.
4. A meeting (quoting from the Brown Act, Section 54952.2) includes:
 - a. "Any congregation of a majority of the members of a legislative Body in the same time and place to hear, discuss, or deliberate upon any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body or the local agency to which it pertains."
 - b. "Any use of direct communication, personal intermediaries, or technological devices that is employed by a majority of the members of the legislative body to develop a collective concurrence as to action to be taken on an item by the members of the legislative body."
5. Attendance at social and ceremonial occasions without discussion of Board business among Board members and contacts or conversations between a Board member and other persons are not considered meetings.
6. All meetings, Regular or otherwise, shall be held within the District in facilities large enough to accommodate anticipated attendance by the public. If facilities prove to be inadequate, other facilities will be sought. Certain exceptions as to meeting within the District are specifically provided by the Brown Act, such as to comply with a law or court order, inspect property, participate in multi-agency meetings, attend a conference on collective bargaining, and to interview applicants.
7. Except as hereinafter provided under the heading "Closed Session," all meetings of the Board shall be open to the public.