

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Note: Pursuant to Government Code 54960 as amended by SB 752 (Ch. 32. Statutes 1994) the district attorney or any Interested person can sue the Board in order to stop or prevents violations of the Brown Act or to determine whether any Board rule or action which penalizes or otherwise discourages the expression of one or more of its members is valid or invalid under law. The following optional bylaw may be modified as appropriate.

The Governing Board recognizes the rights of Board members to freely express their views and encourages open decision 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/

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.

All public statements authorized to be made on behalf of the Board shall be made by the Board president or if appropriate, by the Superintendent or other designated representative. .

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

(cf. 9200 - Members)

Legal Reference:

Education Code

35010 Control of district, prescription and enforcement of rules

Government Code

54960 Actions to stop or prevent violation of meeting provisions