

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Bylaw

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BB 9130

Board Committees

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Purpose of Committees

Upon establishing a committee, the Board shall clearly define the committee's purpose, any timeline for completion of assigned responsibilities, any stakeholder groups or individuals to be represented on the committee, length of time that committee members are expected to serve, and expectations for reporting to the Board and/or the Superintendent or designee. Unless specifically authorized by the Board to act on its behalf, the committee shall act in an advisory capacity.

Standing committees of the Board, irrespective of membership, are those that have a continuing subject matter jurisdiction or a meeting schedule established by action of the Board.
(Government Code 54952)

Committee Appointments

All Board committees shall be appointed by the president, subject to advice and consent of the Board. The president shall designate the chairperson of the committee. The vice-chairperson of the committee shall be the senior member in continuous service on the Board.

Any committee not required by law may be dissolved when its duties or term has been completed or whenever the Board deems necessary.

Committee Meetings

Committee meetings shall be held pursuant to a schedule determined by the Committee to meet its mandate from or charge of the Board. Committee meetings shall be called and noticed pursuant to Board Bylaws 9320 and 9322.

Committee Staffing

The Superintendent, upon consultation of the Board President and Committee shall assign appropriate staff members of the Administration to assist a particular committee of the Board with its work. It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent and staff so assigned to

facilitate and meet the timelines set by the committee for consideration, action and the reporting of committee recommendations to the Board.

Standing Committees

The President of the Board shall appoint the following standing committee(s), each consisting of less than a majority of the full Board, but not less than three or of a majority or more Board members on a joint or other governmental body requiring a greater number than three, within thirty days following the annual meeting:

A. Intergovernmental Relations - This committee shall review and/or propose policies fostering inter-agency collaboration with city, local, state and federal agencies, individuals, public and private groups and corporations; recommend positions to be taken through the legislative process -federal, state, local - on behalf of the District. The committee also shall handle other matters assigned. The members of this committee, by virtue of their appointment, shall also serve as the District's representatives on the City-Schools Education Partnership or successor Committee.

B. Budget and Finance - This committee shall review and/or propose the District's annual budget, modifications thereto, including regular review of site and departmental level budgets to actual, policies governing the fiscal integrity of the District, and the handling of bids and contracts for non-instructional technology and services, except facilities and instructional services. The committee also shall be responsible for proposing and reviewing purchasing policies. The committee also shall handle other finance and budget related matters assigned .

C. Facilities – This committee shall make recommendations to the Board relating to Facilities matters as reflected in the Board’s calendar and amended Board work plan including an updated Facilities Master Plan, an updated bond spending plan, considerations for subsequent bond issuances, asset management and potential revenue generation from real property, leases, Civic Center policy, an updated joint use agreement with the City relating to real property, and the Blueprint for Quality Schools. The committee shall also be responsible for reviewing and proposing facilities related policies. The committee also shall handle other facilities matters assigned.

D.–Charter Matters – This committee shall make recommendations to the Board relating to Charter Schools and review and recommend charter board members from among applicants for approval by the Board. Recommendations may include, but are not limited to, charter school authorization and renewal decisions, potential advice to Oakland’s state legislative delegation regarding state policies regarding charter schools, land use decisions involving charter schools, the process for authorizing, renewing, or evaluating OUSD-authorized charter schools, and material revisions to existing charters. The committee shall also receive presentations from the Office of Charter Schools related to effective charter oversight and authorization.

~~Charters—This committee shall be appointed pursuant to Board Resolution 1718-0165, “to consider charter matters for recommendation to the Board, and part of this committee’s charge is to review and select charter board members from among applicants for approval by the Board.” Education Code 47604(b) and Board Policy 0420, allows the governing board of a school district that authorizes a charter school to appoint one representative to that charter~~

~~school's governing board. Under the Superintendent's Implementation Plan of Resolution 1718-0165, the Superintendent or designee will make recommendations to the Charter committee about potential appointments to charter boards based on the criteria outlined in the Implementation Plan.~~

Committee Actions

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A subject matter not favorably reported from a committee may be discharged from the committee and considered by the Board upon a majority vote of the Board to discharge, provided the subject matter of the discharge has been posted and noticed on a Board meeting agenda.

(cf. BB 9131 for Advisory and Oversight Committee Board Bylaws)

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