Orientation

Board Candidate Orientation

The County Board and County Superintendent desire to provide County Board candidates with an orientation that will enable them to understand the responsibilities and expectations of County Board membership.

The County Board encourages all candidates to attend County Board meetings during the period of their candidacy. Candidates shall have the same access as members of the public to County Office staff and information.

Additionally, the County Board encourages the County Superintendent of Schools to cooperate impartially with all candidates in providing them with information about the County Office of Education governance, County Board of Education operations and County Office of Education programs.

Until and unless elected to the County Board of Education, the official status of candidates is that of other members of the public, and thus candidates are not entitled to privileged information discussed in closed sessions of the Board.

Upon their election, incoming County Board members shall be provided a copy of the Brown Act and informed that, pursuant to Government Code 54952.1, they must conform to the Act’s requirements as if they had already assumed office.

New Board Member Orientation

The County Board, County Superintendent and/or designee shall provide an orientation and information to incoming County Board members to assist them in understanding the County Board's functions, policies, procedures, protocols, and agreed-upon standards of conduct. Incoming County Board members shall be provided access to the County Office’s policies, open meeting laws (Brown Act), and other materials related to the County Office and County Board member responsibilities and will be invited to visit the County Office of Education programs.

Incoming members are encouraged to attend County Board meetings and review agenda materials available to the public in order to become familiar with current issues facing the County Office.

Legal References:
   Election Code 20440 Code of Fair Campaign Practices
   Government Code 54950-54963 The Ralph M. Brown Act

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