

Ceres USD

Board Bylaw

Organization

BB 9100

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Annual Organizational Meeting

Each year, the Governing Board shall hold an annual organizational meeting. In any year in which a regular election of district Board members is conducted, the organizational meeting shall be held within a 15-day period beginning from the date upon which a Board member elected at that election takes office. During non-election years, the meeting shall be held within the same 15-day period on the calendar. (Education Code 35143)

The day and time of the annual meeting shall be selected by the Board at its regular meeting held immediately prior to the first day of the 15-day period. On behalf of the Board, the Superintendent shall notify the County Superintendent of Schools of the day and time selected. Within 15 days prior to the date of the annual meeting, the clerk of the Board, with the assistance of the Superintendent, shall notify in writing all Board members and members-elect of the date and time selected for the meeting. (Education Code 35143)

At this meeting the Board shall:

1. Elect a president and a clerk and/or vice president from its members
2. Appoint the Superintendent as secretary to the Board
3. Authorize signatures
4. Approve a schedule of regular meetings for the year and a Board governance calendar stating the time when the Board will address important governance matters
5. Designate Board representatives to serve on committees or commissions of the district, other public agencies, or organizations with which the district partners or collaborates

(cf. 9140 - Board Representatives)

6. Review and/or consider resources that define and clarify the Board's governance and leadership roles and responsibilities including, but not limited to, governance standards, meeting protocols, Board rules and bylaws, and other Board development materials. This function may be deferred to a study session to be held on a date following the organizational meeting

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)
(cf. 9230 - Orientation)
(cf. 9240 - Board Development)
(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)
(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

Election of Officers

The Board shall each year elect its entire slate of officers.

No Board member shall serve more than two consecutive term(s) in the same office.

(cf. 9224 - Oath or Affirmation)

The election of Board officers shall be conducted during an open session of the annual organizational meeting.

Board Election Protocol

Recognizing that the Ceres Community elects leaders to serve as Board members, it is assumed that each Board Member has the ability to serve as Board President. Unless there are extraordinary circumstances, the protocol to be used to elect the officers of the Board will follow a seniority rotation into the leadership roles of the Board. Seniority is determined by the year in which an individual is elected or appointed. If multiple new members are elected in the same year, then lots shall be drawn to establish seniority. Due to personal circumstance (e.g., medical reasons), a Board member who is next in line to serve as Clerk or President, may elect not to rotate into the Clerk/President position at an organizational meeting. If this occurs, (due to medical reasons) the member would remain in the order of succession with future first right of refusal.

Likewise, the appointment of representatives to the City and School 2+2+2 Committee will follow this rotation, with the elected Board President and Clerk filling these positions unless personal circumstances prevent them from so doing.

(cf. 9224 - Oath or Affirmation)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

5017 Term of office

35143 Annual organizational meeting date, and notice

35145 Public meetings

GOVERNMENT CODE

54953 Meetings to be open and public; attendance

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

68 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 65 (1985)
59 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 619, 621-622 (1976)

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