

KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**BOARD BYLAWS****ORIENTATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The Board and office shall assist each board candidate, new board member elect, and appointee in understanding the Board's functions and policies and procedures before taking office. The following activities are suggested:

1. The board president or the superintendent shall give the new member material on the responsibilities of a board member, including a set of current policies and regulations, and copies of other available documents that may provide relevant information.
2. After being elected or appointed, but prior to being seated, new board members shall be invited to attend all board meetings and to participate in all board discussions. During this period, the new board member shall have no voting privileges.
3. The superintendent shall supply new board members with a packet including the agenda and other materials pertinent to board meetings, and shall explain their use.
4. Prior to taking office, new board members shall be invited to meet with the superintendent and other appropriate personnel to discuss the services and programs which are provided by the office.
5. New members shall be encouraged to attend orientation meetings organized by the California School Boards Association.
6. Candidates and board members-elect are not entitled to privileged information discussed in closed session.
7. Upon taking the oath of office, a board member succeeds to all the powers and duties of his or her position.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1007 Board of Education Eligibility

1040 et seq. Article 2. Duties and responsibilities, County boards of education

1240 et seq. Article 2. Duties, responsibilities, general powers. County superintendent

35160 et seq. Article 4. Powers and duties