

Berkeley USD

Board Bylaw

Student Board Members

BB 9150

Board Bylaws

The Governing Board believes it is important to seek out and consider students' ideas, viewpoints and reactions to the educational program. In order to provide student input and involvement, the Board shall include two student Board members elected in accordance with procedures approved by the Board and described in E 9150 of these bylaws. Berkeley Technical Academy (B-Tech) may elect two Student Directors, but only may appear at any given Board meeting.

The term of student Board members shall be one school year, commencing from July 1 to June 30. Student Board members shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed sessions.

Student Directors must be enrolled in the District.

Student Board members shall be seated with regular Board members and be recognized at meetings as full members. They may participate in questioning witnesses and discussing issues and shall receive all materials presented to Board members except those related to closed sessions.

Student Board members may be reimbursed for mileage but shall not receive compensation for attendance at Board meetings.

Student Board members may cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion. Those are:

1. Existing litigation
2. Student expulsion
3. Collective bargaining
4. Personnel discipline, dismissal or appointment
5. Liability claims
6. Property acquisition

Preferential votes shall be cast prior to the official Board vote and shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote. Preferential votes shall be recorded in the Board meeting minutes.

A Student Board member may make a motion, except on matters dealing with employer-employee relations pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3 that may be acted upon by the Board. However, if a second motion is made by a Student Board member, it may not be seconded by the other Student Board member.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33000.5 Appointment of student members to State Board of Education

35012 Board members; number, election and terms; pupil members

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 Educational Employment Relations Act

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Association of Student Councils: <http://www.casc.net>

National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>

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