

BOARD POLICY UPDATE

BB/E 9321 - Closed Session

(BB revised; E(1) and E(2) added)

Bylaw retitled and updated to incorporate material formerly in BB 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports. Bylaw also adds the requirement to provide final documents approved or adopted during closed session to persons who have submitted a request. Section on "Matters Related to Students" provides that student names should not be included on the agenda or reports of expulsion hearings pursuant to court decision. Section on "Security Matters" reflects the board's authority to meet in closed session with law enforcement officials to develop a tactical response plan. Section on "Real Property Negotiations" reflects Attorney General publication stating the board's authority to approve a final real property agreement in closed session. Section on "Pending Litigation" updates legal cites. Exhibit (1) added to provide examples of agenda descriptions of closed session items. Exhibit (2) added to provide examples of reports of closed session actions that must be made when the board reconvenes in open session following the closed session.

CLOSED SESSION PURPOSES AND AGENDAS

The Board of Trustees is committed to complying with state open meeting laws and modeling transparency in its conduct of district business. The Board shall hold a closed sessions- during a regular, special, or emergency meeting only for purposes authorized by law.

Each agenda shall contain a general description of each closed session item to be discussed at the meeting, as required by law **and specified below**. (Government Code 54954.2)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

~~The Board shall disclose~~ **In the open session preceding the closed session, the Board shall disclose** the items to be discussed in closed session. In the closed session, the Board may consider only those matters covered in its statement. (Government Code 54957.7)

After the closed session, the Board shall reconvene in open session before adjourning the meeting, and when applicable, shall disclose any action taken in the closed session, ~~in the manner prescribed by Government Code 54957.1~~ **the votes or abstentions thereon, and other disclosures specified below that are applicable to the matter being addressed.** Such reports may be made in writing or orally at the location announced in the agenda for the closed session. (Education Code 32281; Government Code 54957.1, 54957.7)

When an action taken during a closed session involves final approval or adoption of a document such as a contract or settlement agreement, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a copy of the document to any person present at the conclusion of the closed session who submitted a written request. If the action taken results in one or more substantive amendments, the Superintendent or designee shall make the document available the next business day or when the necessary retyping is completed. Whenever copies of an approved agreement will not be immediately released due to an amendment, the Board president shall orally summarize the substance of the amendment for those present at the end of the closed session. (Government Code 54957.1)

Confidentiality

A Board member shall not disclose confidential information received in closed session unless the Board authorizes the disclosure of that information. (Government Code 54963)

(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

CLOSED SESSION PURPOSES AND AGENDAS (continued)

The Board shall not disclose any information that is protected by state or federal law. In addition, no victim or alleged victim of tortious sexual conduct or child abuse shall be identified in any Board agenda, notice, announcement, or report required by the Brown Act, unless the identity of the person has previously been publicly disclosed. (Government Code 54957.7, 54961)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

Personnel Matters

The Board may hold a closed session under the “personnel exception” to consider the appointment, employment, performance evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of an employee. Such a closed session shall not include discussion or action on proposed compensation except for a reduction of compensation that results from the imposition of discipline. (Government Code 54957)

(cf. 2140 - Evaluation of the Superintendent)

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4215 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)

The Board may also hold a closed session to hear complaints or charges brought against an employee by another person or employee, unless the employee **who is the subject of the complaint** requests an open session. Before the Board holds a closed session on specific complaints or charges brought against an employee, the employee shall receive written notice of **his/her** the right to have the complaints or charges heard in open session if desired. This notice shall be delivered personally or by mail at least 24 hours before the time of the session. (Government Code 54957)

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

The Board may hold a closed session to discuss a district employee's application for early withdrawal of funds in a deferred compensation plan when the application is based on financial hardship arising from an unforeseeable emergency due to illness, accident, casualty, or other extraordinary event, as specified in the deferred compensation plan. (Government Code 54957.10)

Agenda items related to district employee appointments and employment shall describe the position to be filled. Agenda items related to performance evaluations shall specify the title of the employee being reviewed. Agenda items related to employee discipline, dismissal, or release require no additional information. (Government Code 54954.5)

CLOSED SESSION PURPOSES AND AGENDAS (continued)

After the closed session, the Board shall report any action taken to appoint, employ, dismiss, accept the resignation of, or otherwise affect the employment status of a district employee and shall identify the title of the affected position. The report shall be given at the public meeting during which the closed session is held, except that the report of a dismissal or nonrenewal of an employment contract shall be deferred until the first public meeting after administrative remedies, if any, have been exhausted. (Government Code 54957.1)

(cf. 4117.7/4317.7 - Employment Status Reports)

Negotiations/Collective Bargaining

Unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties involved, the following shall not be subject to the **open meeting requirements** of Brown Act: (Government Code 3549.1)

1. Any meeting and negotiating discussion between the district and a recognized or certified employee organization
2. Any meeting of a mediator with either party or both parties to the meeting and negotiating process
3. Any hearing, meeting or investigation conducted by a factfinder or arbitrator
4. Any executive (closed) session of the district or between the district and its designated representative for the purpose of discussing its position regarding any matter within the scope of representation and instructing its designated representatives

(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)

(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)

(cf. 4143.1/4243.1 - Public Notice - Personnel Negotiations)

The Board may meet in closed session, **prior to and during consultations and discussions with representatives of employee organizations and unrepresented employees**, to review the Board's position and/or instruct its designated representative(s) regarding salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of its represented and unrepresented employees, **and, for represented employees, any other matter within the statutorily provided scope of representation**. Prior to the closed session, the Board shall identify its designated representative in open session. Any closed session held for this purpose may include discussions of the district's available funds and funding priorities, but only insofar as they relate to providing instructions to the Board's designated representative. **Final action on the proposed compensation of one or more unrepresented employees shall not be taken in closed session.** (Government Code 54957.6)

(cf. 2121 - Superintendent's Contract)

CLOSED SESSION PURPOSES AND AGENDAS (continued)

The Board also may meet in closed session with a state conciliator who has intervened in proceedings regarding any of the purposes enumerated in Government Code 54957.6.

Agenda items related to negotiations shall specify the name(s) of the district's designated representative(s) attending the closed session. If circumstances necessitate the absence of a specified designated representative, an agent or designee may participate in place of the absent representative as long as the name of the agent or designee is announced at an open session held prior to the closed session. The agenda shall also specify the name of the organization representing the employee(s) or the position title of the unrepresented employee who is the subject of the negotiations. (Government Code 54954.5)

Approval of an agreement regarding labor negotiations with represented employees pursuant to Government Code 54957.6 shall be reported after the agreement is final and has been accepted or ratified by the other party. This report shall identify the item approved and the other party or parties to the negotiation. (Government Code 54957.1)

~~Closed sessions may take place prior to and during consultations and discussions with representatives of employee organizations and unrepresented employees. For unrepresented employees, closed sessions held pursuant to Government Code 54957.6 shall not include final action on the proposed compensation of one or more unrepresented employees. (Government Code 54957.6)~~

~~For represented employees, the Board may also meet in closed session regarding any other matter within the statutorily provided scope of representation. (Government Code 54957.6)~~

Matters Related to Students

If a public hearing would lead to the disclosure of confidential student information, the Board shall meet in closed session to address any student matter that may involve disclosure of confidential student information, or to consider a suspension, disciplinary action, or any other action against a student except expulsion, or a challenge to a student record. If a written request for open session is received from the parent/guardian or adult student, it will be honored to the extent that it does not violate the privacy rights of any other student the meeting shall be public, except that any discussion at that meeting which may be in conflict with the right to privacy of any student other than the student requesting the public meeting shall be in closed session. (Education Code 35146, 48912, 49070)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)

(cf. 5125.3 - Challenging Student Records)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

CLOSED SESSION PURPOSES AND AGENDAS (continued)

The Board shall meet in closed session to consider the expulsion of a student, unless the student submits a written request at least five days before the date of the hearing that the hearing be held in open session. Regardless of whether the expulsion hearing is conducted in open or closed session, the Board may meet in closed session for the purpose of deliberating and determining whether the student should be expelled. (Education Code 48918)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

Agenda items related to student matters shall briefly describe the reason for the closed session, such as "student expulsion hearing" or "grade change appeal," without violating the confidentiality rights of individual students. The student shall not be named on the agenda, but a number may be assigned to the student in order to facilitate record keeping. The agenda shall also state that the Education Code requires closed sessions in these cases in order to prevent the disclosure of confidential student record information.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

However, in taking final action, the Board shall not release any information in violation of student privacy rights provided in 20 USC 1232g or other applicable laws. In an expulsion or other disciplinary action, the cause for the disciplinary action shall be disclosed in open session, but the Board shall refer to the student number or other identifier and shall not disclose the student's name.

Security Matters

The Board may meet in closed session with the Governor, Attorney General, district attorney, district legal counsel, sheriff or chief of police, or their respective deputies, or a security consultant or a security operations manager, on matters posing a threat to the security of public buildings; to the security of essential public services, including water, drinking water, wastewater treatment, natural gas service, and electric service; or to the public's right of access to public services or public facilities. Such discussions may be held in closed session during an emergency meeting called pursuant to Government Code 54956.5 if agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, by a unanimous vote of the members present. (Government Code 54956.5, 54957)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)

CLOSED SESSION PURPOSES AND AGENDAS (continued)

~~The Board may meet in closed session during an emergency meeting held pursuant to Government Code 54956.5 to meet with law enforcement officials for the emergency purposes specified in Government Code 54957 if agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present. If less than two-thirds of the members are present, then the Board must agree by a unanimous vote of the members present. (Government Code 54956.5)~~

Agenda items related to security matters shall specify the name of the law enforcement agency and the title of the officer, or name of applicable agency representative and title, with whom the Board will consult. (Government Code 54954.5)

The Board may meet in closed session to consult with law enforcement officials on the development of a plan for tactical responses to criminal incidents and to approve the plan. Following the closed session, the Board shall report any action taken to approve the plan, but need not disclose the district's plan for tactical responses. (Education Code 32281)

Conference with Real Property Negotiator Negotiations

The Board may meet in closed session with ~~the Board's~~ **its** real property negotiator prior to the purchase, sale, exchange or lease of real property by or for the district in order to grant its negotiator ~~the~~ authority regarding the price and terms of **payment for** the property. (Government Code 54956.8)

Before holding the closed session, the Board shall hold an open and public session to identify its negotiator(s), and the property under negotiation, and specify the person(s) with whom the negotiator may negotiate. For purposes of real property transactions, negotiators may include members of the Board. (Government Code 54956.8)

Agenda items related to real property negotiations shall specify the district negotiator attending the closed session. If circumstances necessitate the absence of a specified negotiator, an agent or designee may participate in place of the absent negotiator so long as the name of the agent or designee is announced at an open session held prior to the closed session. The agenda shall also specify the name of the negotiating parties and the street address of the real property under negotiation. If there is no street address, the agenda item shall specify the parcel number or another unique reference of the property. The agenda item shall also specify whether instruction to the negotiator will concern price, terms of payment, or both. (Government Code 54954.5)

When the Board approves a final agreement concluding real estate negotiations pursuant to Government Code 54956.8, it shall report that approval and the substance of the agreement in open session at the public meeting during which the closed session is held. If final approval rests with the other party to the negotiations, the Superintendent or designee shall disclose the fact of that approval and the substance of the agreement upon inquiry by any person, as soon as the other party or its agent has informed the district of its approval. (Government Code 54957.1)

CLOSED SESSION PURPOSES AND AGENDAS (continued)**Pending Litigation**

Based on the advice of its legal counsel, the Board may hold a closed session to confer with or receive advice from its legal counsel regarding ~~a~~ pending litigation when ~~a~~ discussion of the matter in open session would prejudice the district's position in the litigation. For this purpose, "litigation" means any adjudicatory proceeding, including eminent domain, before a court, administrative body exercising its adjudicatory authority, hearing officer, or arbitrator. (Government Code 54956.9)

Litigation is considered "pending" in any of the following circumstances: (Government Code 54956.9)

1. Litigation to which the district is a "party" has been initiated formally. (Government Code 54956.9(a))
2. A point has been reached where, in the Board's opinion based on the advice of its legal counsel regarding the "existing facts and circumstances," there is a "significant exposure to litigation" against the district, or the Board is meeting solely to determine whether, based on existing facts or circumstances, a closed session is authorized. (Government Code 54956.9(d)(2), (3))

Existing facts and circumstances for these purposes are limited to the following: (Government Code 54956.9)

- a. Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation against the district but which the district believes are not yet known to potential plaintiff(s) and which do not need to be disclosed.
- b. Facts and circumstances including, but not limited to, an accident, disaster, incident, or transactional occurrence which might result in litigation **against the district**, which are already known to potential plaintiff(s) and which must be publicly disclosed before the closed session or specified on the agenda.
- c. The receipt of a claim pursuant to the ~~For~~ **Government** Claims Act or a written threat of litigation from a potential plaintiff. The claim or written communication must be available for public inspection.

(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)

- d. A threat of litigation made by a person in an open meeting on a ~~related~~ **specific** matter within the responsibility of the Board.

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- e. A threat of litigation made by a person outside of an open meeting on a specific matter within the responsibility of the Board, provided that the district official or employee receiving knowledge of the threat made a record of the statement before the meeting and the record is available for public inspection. Such record does not need to identify an alleged victim of tortious sexual conduct or anyone making a threat on his/her the victim's behalf or identify an employee who is the alleged perpetrator of any unlawful or tortious conduct, unless the identity of this person has been publicly disclosed.
3. Based on existing facts and circumstances, the Board has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation. (Government Code 54956.9(d)(4))

Before holding a closed session pursuant to the pending litigation ~~section~~ **exception**, the Board shall state on the agenda or publicly announce the subdivision of Government Code 54956.9 under which the closed session is being held. If authority is based on Government Code 54956.9(d)(1), the Board shall either state the title or specifically identify the litigation to be discussed or state that doing so would jeopardize the district's ability to effectuate service of process upon unserved parties or to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage. (Government Code 54956.9)

Agenda items related to pending litigation shall be described as a conference with legal counsel regarding **either** "existing litigation" or "anticipated litigation." (Government Code 54954.5)

"Existing litigation" items shall identify the name of the case specified by either the claimant's name, names of parties, or case or claim number, unless the Board states that to identify the case would jeopardize service of process or existing settlement negotiations. (Government Code 54954.5)

"Anticipated litigation" items shall state that there is significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2) or (3) and shall specify the potential number of cases. When the district expects to initiate a suit, items related to anticipated litigation shall state that the discussion relates to the initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(4) and shall specify the potential number of cases. The agenda or an oral statement before the closed session may be required to provide additional information regarding existing facts and circumstances described in items #2 b-e above (Government Code 54954.5)

Following the closed session, the Board shall publicly report, as applicable: (Government Code 54957.1)

1. **Approval to legal counsel to defend, appeal or not appeal, or otherwise appear in litigation. This report shall identify the adverse parties, if known, and the substance of the litigation.**

CLOSED SESSION PURPOSES AND AGENDAS (continued)

2. Approval to legal counsel to initiate or intervene in a lawsuit. This report shall state that directions to initiate or intervene in the action have been given and that the action, defendants, and other details will be disclosed to inquiring parties after the lawsuit is commenced unless doing so would jeopardize the district's ability to serve process on unserved parties or its ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage.
3. Acceptance of a signed offer from the other party or parties which finalizes the settlement of pending litigation. This report shall state the substance of the agreement.

If approval is given to legal counsel to settle pending litigation but final approval rests with the other party or with the court, the district shall report the fact of approval and the substance of the agreement thereon to persons who inquire once the settlement is final. (Government Code 54957.1)

Joint Powers Agency Issues

The Board may meet in closed session to discuss a claim for the payment of tort liability losses, public liability losses, or workers' compensation liability incurred by a joint powers agency (JPA) formed for the purpose of insurance pooling or self-insurance authority of which the district is a member. (Government Code 54956.95)

Closed session agenda items related to liability claims shall specify the claimant's name and the name of the agency against which the claim is made. (Government Code 54954.5)

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

Following the closed session, the Board shall publicly report the disposition of joint powers agency or self-insurance claims, including the name of the claimant(s), the name of the agency claimed against, the substance of the claim, and the monetary settlement agreed upon by the claimant. (Government Code 54957.1)

When the board of the JPA has so authorized and upon advice of district legal counsel, the Board may meet in closed session in order to receive, discuss, and take action concerning information obtained in a closed session of the JPA. During the Board's closed session, a Board member serving on the JPA board may disclose confidential information acquired during a closed session of the JPA to fellow Board members. (Government Code 54956.96)

~~The Board member may also disclose the confidential JPA information to district legal counsel in order to obtain advice on whether the matter has direct financial or liability implications for the district. (Government Code 54956.96)~~

CLOSED SESSION PURPOSES AND AGENDAS (continued)

Closed session agenda items related to conferences involving a JPA shall specify **the name of the JPA**, the closed session description used by the JPA, and the name of the Board member representing the district on the JPA board. Additional information listing the names of agencies or titles of representatives attending the closed session as consultants or other representatives shall also be included. (Government Code 54954.5)

Review of Audit Report from California State Auditor's Office

Upon receipt of a confidential final draft audit report from the California State Auditor's Office, the Board may meet in closed session to discuss its response to that report. After public release of the report from the California State Auditor's Office, any Board meeting to discuss the report must be conducted in open session, unless exempted from that requirement by some other provision of law. (Government Code 54956.75)

Closed session agenda items related to an audit by the California State Auditor's Office shall state "Audit by California State Auditor's Office." (Government Code 54954.5)

Following the closed session, the Board shall publicly confirm that the report was reviewed and a response was prepared.

Review of Assessment Instruments

The Board may meet in closed session to review the contents of any student assessment instrument approved or adopted for the statewide testing system. Before any such meeting, the Board shall agree by resolution to accept any terms or conditions established by the State Board of Education for this review. (Education Code 60617)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

Agenda items related to the review of student assessment instruments shall state that the Board is reviewing the contents of an assessment instrument approved or adopted for the statewide testing program and that Education Code 60617 authorizes a closed session for this purpose in order to maintain the confidentiality of the assessment under review.

Following the closed session, the Board shall confirm that the assessment instruments were reviewed. Any actions related to the review shall be taken in open session without revealing any proprietary or confidential information and shall be a matter of public record.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

CLOSED SESSION PURPOSES AND AGENDAS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32281 *School safety plans*

35145 *Public meetings*

35146 *Closed session for student suspension or disciplinary action*

44929.21 *Districts with ADA of 250 or more*

48912 *Governing board suspension of student*

48918 *Rules governing expulsion procedures; hearings and notice*

49070 *Challenging content of student records*

49073-49079 *Privacy of student records*

60617 *Closed session (re review of contents of statewide assessment)*

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 *Educational Employment Relations Act*

6252-6270 *California Public Records Act*

54950-54963 *The Ralph M. Brown Act*

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 1, Section 3 Public right to access information

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.8 *Family Educational Rights and Privacy*

COURT DECISIONS

Moreno v. City of King, (2005) 127 Cal.App.4th 17

Morrison v. Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles Board of Commissioners, (2003) 107 Cal.App.4th 860

Rim of the World Unified School District v. San Bernardino County Superior Court, (2002) 104 Cal.App.4th 1393

Bell v. Vista Unified School District, (2000) 82 Cal.App. 4th 672

Fischer v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (1999) 70 Cal.App. 4th 87

Kleitman v. Superior Court of Santa Clara County, (1999) 87 Cal Rptr. 2d

Furtado v. Sierra Community College District, (1998) 68 Cal.App. 4th 876

Roberts v. City of Palmdale, (1993) 5 Cal. 4th 363

San Diego Union v. City Council, (1983) 146 Cal.App.3d 947

Sacramento Newspaper Guild v. Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, (1968) 263 Cal.App. 2d 41

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

94 *Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen.* 82 (2011)

89 *Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen.* 110 (2006)

86 *Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen.* 210 (2003)

78 *Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen.* 218 (1995)

59 *Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen.* 532 (1976)

57 *Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen.* 209 (1974)

Management Resources: (see next page)

CLOSED SESSION ~~PURPOSES AND AGENDAS~~ (continued)

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

The Brown Act: School Boards and Open Meeting Laws, rev. 2014

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

The Brown Act: Open Meetings for Legislative Bodies, 2003

LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PUBLICATIONS

Open and Public IV: A Guide to the Ralph M. Brown Act, rev. July 2010

WEB SITES

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

California Office of the Attorney General: <http://www.oag.ca.gov>

League of California Cities: <http://www.cacities.org>

CLOSED SESSION

BOARD MEETING AGENDA DESCRIPTIONS FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

The Board of Trustees meeting agenda shall include the following description of a closed session item, as applicable:

Personnel Matters

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Government Code 54957

Title:

(Specify position to be filled)

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Government Code 54957

Title:

(Specify position to be filled)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Government Code 54957

Title:

(Specify position of employee being evaluated)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

Government Code 54957

(No additional information is required. An employee's dismissal or nonrenewal shall not be reported until the employee has first exhausted any right to a hearing or other administrative remedy.)

SPECIFIC COMPLAINT OR CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYEE

Government Code 54957

(No additional information is required.)

EMPLOYEE APPLICATION FOR EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS IN DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Government Code 54957.10

(No additional information is required.)

CLOSED SESSION (continued)

Negotiations/Collective Bargaining

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Government Code 54957.6

District-designated representatives:

(Specify names of representatives attending the closed session. If circumstances necessitate the absence of a specified designated representative, an agent or designee may participate in place of the absent representative as long as the name of the agent or designee is announced at an open session held prior to the closed session.)

Employee organization:

(Specify name of employee organization with which negotiations are being held.)

or

Unrepresented employee:

(Specify position of unrepresented employee who is the subject of the negotiations.)

Matters Related to Students

STUDENT SUSPENSION/OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Education Code 35146

Student identification number:

(It is recommended that the student's name not be listed. The district may use other means to identify the student for record-keeping purposes.)

STUDENT EXPULSION

Education Code 48912

Student identification number:

(It is recommended that the student's name not be listed. The district may use other means to identify the student for record-keeping purposes.)

STUDENT GRADE CHANGE APPEAL

Education Code 49070

Student identification number:

(It is recommended that the student's name not be listed. The district may use other means to identify the student for record-keeping purposes.)

CLOSED SESSION (continued)

CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTER

Action under consideration:

(If the Board is considering a confidential student matter other than those listed above, specify type of action.)

Student identification number:

(It is recommended that the student's name not be listed. The district may use other means to identify the student for record-keeping purposes.)

Security Matters

THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES

Government Code 54957

Consultation with: _____
(Specify name of law enforcement agency and title of officer, or name of applicable agency representative and title, with whom the Board will consult.)

DEVELOPMENT/APPROVAL OF TACTICAL RESPONSE PLAN

Education Code 32281

Consultation with: _____
(Specify name of law enforcement agency and title of officer, or name of applicable agency representative and title, with whom the Board will consult.)

CLOSED SESSION (continued)

Real Property Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Government Code 54956.8

Property: _____

(Specify street address or, if no street address, the parcel number or other unique reference of the real property under negotiation.)

District negotiator: _____

(Specify names of negotiators attending the closed session. If circumstances necessitate the absence of a specified negotiator, an agent or designee may participate in place of the absent negotiator as long as the name of the agent or designee is announced at an open session held prior to the closed session.)

Negotiating parties: _____
(Specify name of party, not agent.)

Under negotiation: _____
(Specify whether instruction to negotiator will concern price, terms of payment, or both.)

Pending Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of case: _____
(Specify by reference to claimant's name, names of parties, or case or claim numbers.)

or

Case name unspecified, as identification of the case would jeopardize service of process or existing settlement negotiations.

CLOSED SESSION (continued)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Government Code 54956.9(d)(2) or (3)

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2) or (3).
Number of potential cases: _____

Or

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(4). Number of potential cases: _____

If applicable, facts and circumstances: _____
(The district may be required to provide additional information on the agenda or in an oral statement prior to the closed session pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(e)(2)-(5). These include facts and circumstances, such as an accident, disaster, incident, or transactional occurrence that might result in litigation against the district and that are known to potential plaintiff(s).)

Joint Powers Authority Issues

LIABILITY CLAIMS FOR INSURANCE-RELATED JOINT POWERS AGENCY

Government Code 54956.95

Name of claimant(s): _____
(Specify name, except pursuant to Government Code 54961 when the claimant is a victim or alleged victim of tortious sexual conduct or child abuse unless the identity of the person has been publicly disclosed.)

Name of agency against which the claim is made: _____

CLOSED SESSION (continued)

CONFERENCE INVOLVING INFORMATION FROM A JOINT POWERS AGENCY WITH DIRECT FINANCIAL OR LIABILITY IMPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT
Government Code 54956.96

Name of JPA: _____

Discussion will concern:

(Specify closed session description used by the JPA.)

Name of district representative on JPA board:

Names of agencies or titles of representatives attending the closed session as consultants or other representatives, if applicable: _____

Review of Audit from State Auditor's Office

AUDIT BY CALIFORNIA STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE
Government Code 54956.75
(No additional information is required.)

Review of Assessment Instruments

REVIEW OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT
Education Code 60617

The Board is reviewing the contents of an assessment instrument approved or adopted for the statewide testing program. Education Code 60617 authorizes a closed session for this purpose in order to maintain the confidentiality of the assessment under review.

Exhibit
approved:

LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Los Altos, California

CLOSED SESSION

REPORTS OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Following a closed session during any Governing Board meeting, the Board shall reconvene in open session to present, orally or in writing, a report of any of the following actions taken during the closed session, as applicable:

Personnel Matters

Title of position: _____

Action taken: _____
(e.g., appointment/employment/evaluation/discipline/dismissal/release)

Board member votes/abstentions: _____

Negotiations/Collective Bargaining

Approval of final agreement with represented employees

Item approved: _____

Other party/parties to the negotiation: _____

Board member votes/abstentions: _____

Matters Related to Students

(Final action must be taken in open session. It is recommended that the student's name not be disclosed.)

Security Matters

Action taken: _____
(e.g., consultation with law enforcement; approval of contract or memorandum of understanding; approval of tactical response plan, without disclosing the details of the plan)

Board member votes/abstentions: _____

CLOSED SESSION (continued)

Real Property Negotiations

Action taken: _____
(Report if Board approves a final agreement concluding real estate negotiations. If final approval rests with the other party, report as soon as the other party has approved the agreement.)

Substance of the agreement: _____

Board member votes/abstentions: _____

Existing Litigation

Action taken related to existing litigation:

(e.g., approval to legal counsel to defend, appeal or not appeal, or otherwise appear in litigation; or approval to legal counsel of a settlement of pending litigation at any stage prior to or during a judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding. If final approval of settlement rests with the other party, report to any person upon request once the settlement is final.)

Adverse party/parties, if known: _____

Substance of the litigation: _____

Board member votes/abstentions: _____

Anticipated Litigation

Action taken: The Board has given approval to legal counsel to initiate or intervene in a lawsuit. The action, defendants, and other details will be disclosed to any person upon request after the lawsuit is commenced, unless doing so would jeopardize the district's ability to serve process on unserved parties or its ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage.
(The report does not need to initially identify the action, defendants, or other details.)

Board member votes/abstentions: _____

CLOSED SESSION (continued)

Joint Powers Agency Issues

LIABILITY CLAIMS FOR INSURANCE-RELATED JOINT POWERS AGENCY

Name of claimant(s): _____

Name of agency against which the claim is made: _____

Substance of the claim: _____

Monetary settlement agreed upon by the claimant: _____

Board member votes/abstentions: _____

CONFERENCE INVOLVING INFORMATION FROM A JOINT POWERS AGENCY WITH DIRECT FINANCIAL OR LIABILITY IMPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT

Name of JPA: _____

Action taken: _____

(Law does not include any specific disclosures to be reported.)

Board member votes/abstentions: _____

Review of Audit from State Auditor's Office

Action taken: The Board reviewed the confidential final draft audit report received from the California State Auditor's Office and has prepared a response.

(No additional information is required. Unless otherwise exempted by law, after the audit report is subsequently released to the public, any Board discussion of the report must be conducted in open session.)

Review of Assessment Instruments

Action taken: The Board reviewed the contents of a student assessment instrument approved or adopted for the statewide testing system.