

# Liberty Union High School District

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### Agenda Content

Governing Board meeting agendas shall reflect the district's vision and goals and the Board's focus on student learning and well-being.

Each agenda shall state the meeting time and place and shall briefly describe each business item to be transacted or discussed, including items to be discussed in closed session. (Government Code [54954.2](#))

(cf. [9320](#) - Meetings and Notices)

(cf. [9321](#)- Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

The agenda shall provide members of the public the opportunity to address the Board on any agenda item before or during the Board's consideration of the item. The agenda for a regular meeting shall also provide members of the public an opportunity to address the Board regarding matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board which are not on the agenda. (Education Code [35145.5](#); Government Code [54954.3](#))

(cf. [9323](#) - Meeting Conduct)

The agenda does not need to provide an opportunity for public comment on an item that has previously been considered at an open meeting by a committee comprised exclusively of Board members, provided that members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the item, before or during the committee's consideration of the item, and the item has not been substantially changed since the committee considered it. (Government Code 54954.3)

The notice and agenda shall describe the means available for the public to access the meeting and provide public comment in-person and, if a Board member is appearing remotely due to an emergency circumstance or for just cause pursuant to Government Code 54953, through an internet-based service or call-in option. (Government Code 54953)

The agenda shall specify that an individual should contact the Superintendent or designee if he/she requires disability-related accommodations or modifications, including auxiliary aids and services, in order to participate in the Board meeting. (Government Code [54954.2](#))

Each meeting agenda shall list the address designated by the Superintendent or designee for public inspection of agenda documents that have been distributed to the Board less than 72 hours before the meeting. (Government Code [54957.5](#))

### Agenda Preparation

The Board president and the Superintendent, as secretary to the Board, shall work together to develop the agenda for each regular and special meeting.

(cf. [0000](#) - Vision)

(cf. [0200](#) - Goals for the School District)

(cf. [9121](#) - President)

(cf. [9122](#) - Secretary)

Any Board member or member of the public may request that a matter within the jurisdiction of the Board be placed on the agenda of a regular meeting. The request shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent or designee with supporting documents and information, if any, at least one week before the scheduled meeting date. Items submitted less than a week

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before the scheduled meeting date may be postponed to a later meeting in order to allow sufficient time for consideration and research of the issue.

The Board president and Superintendent shall decide whether a request is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Items not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board may not be placed on the agenda. In addition, before placing the item on the agenda, the Board president and Superintendent shall determine if the item is merely a request for information and if so, respond accordingly.

The Board president and Superintendent shall decide whether an agenda item is appropriate for discussion in open or closed session, and whether the item should be an action item subject to Board vote, an information item that does not require immediate action, or a consent item that is routine in nature and for which no discussion is anticipated.

Any Board action that involves borrowing \$100,000 or more shall be discussed, considered, and deliberated upon as a separate item of business on the meeting agenda. (Government Code [53635.7](#))

(cf. [9323.2](#) - Actions by the Board)

All public communications with the Board are subject to requirements of relevant Board policies and administrative regulations.

(cf. [1312.1](#) - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. [1312.2](#) - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. [1312.3](#) - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. [1312.4](#) - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

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

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

### Consent Agenda/Calendar

In order to promote efficient meetings, the Board may bundle a number of items and act upon them together by a single vote through the use of a consent agenda. Consent agenda items shall be items of a routine nature and items for which Board discussion is not anticipated and for which the Superintendent recommends approval.

When any Board member requests the removal of an item from the consent agenda, the item shall be removed and given individual consideration for action as a regular **separate** agenda item.

The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to comment on any consent agenda item that has not been previously considered at an open meeting of a committee comprised exclusively of Board members. (Government Code [54954.3](#))

### Agenda Dissemination to Board Members

At least 72 hours before each regular meeting, each Board member shall be provided a copy of the agenda and agenda packet, including the Superintendent or designee's report; minutes to be approved; copies of communications; reports from committees, staff, citizens, and others; and other available documents pertinent to the meeting.

When special meetings are called, Board members shall receive, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, notice of the business to be transacted. (Government Code 54956)

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Board members shall review agenda materials before each meeting. Individual members may confer directly with the Superintendent or designee to ask questions and/or request additional information on agenda items. However, a majority of Board members shall not directly or through intermediaries or electronic means discuss, deliberate, or take action on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

(cf. [9012](#) - Board Member Electronic Communications)

### Agenda Dissemination to Members of the Public

Agenda and related materials distributed to the Board shall be made available to the public upon request without delay. However, only those documents which are disclosable public records under the Public Records Act (PRA) and which relate to an agenda item scheduled for the open session portion of a regular meeting or which contain a claim or written threat of litigation which will be discussed in closed session shall be made available to the public. (Government Code 54956.9, 54957.5)

At least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting, the agenda shall be posted at one or more locations freely accessible to members of the public. (Government Code 54954.2)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall post the agenda on the homepage of the district website. The posted agenda shall be accessible through a prominent direct link to the current agenda or to the district's agenda management platform in accordance with Government Code 54954.2. When the district utilizes an integrated agenda management platform, the link to that platform shall take the user directly to the website with the district's agendas, and the current agenda shall be the first available. (Government Code 54954.2)

If a writing relates to an open session agenda item or which contains a claim or written threat of litigation which will be discussed in closed session during a regular Board meeting is distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to a meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall make the document available for public inspection at a designated location at the same time the document is distributed to all or a majority of the Board. However, if the writing is distributed to at least a majority of the Board at a time when the designated location is closed to the public, this requirement may be satisfied by posting the writing on the district website if the following conditions are met: (Government Code 54957.5)

1. An initial staff report or similar document containing an executive summary and any staff recommendations related to the agenda item is made available for public inspection at the designated location at least 72 hours before the meeting
2. The writing is immediately posted on the district's website in a position and manner that makes it clear that the writing relates to an agenda item for the upcoming meeting
3. The district lists the website address where such writings may be accessed on all Board meeting agendas
4. A physical copy of the document is made available for public inspection at the designated location at the beginning of the next regular business hours, but not less than 24 hours before the relevant Board meeting

(cf. [1113](#) - District and School Web Sites)

(cf. [1340](#) - Access to District Records)

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The Superintendent or designee shall mail a copy of the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet to any person who requests the items. The materials shall be mailed at the time the agenda is posted or upon distribution of the agenda to a majority of the Board, whichever occurs first. (Government Code [54954.1](#))

Any request for mailed copies of agendas or agenda packets shall be in writing and shall be valid for the calendar year in which it is filed. Written requests must be renewed following January 1 of each year. (Government Code [54954.1](#))

Persons requesting mailing of the agenda or agenda packet shall pay an annual fee, as determined by the Superintendent or designee, not to exceed the cost of providing the service.

Any document prepared by the district or Board and distributed during a public meeting shall be made available for public inspection at the meeting. Any document prepared by another person shall be made available for public inspection after the meeting. These requirements shall not apply to a document that is exempt from public disclosure under the Public Records Act. (Government Code [54957.5](#))

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall make the agenda, agenda packet, and/or any writings distributed at the meeting available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. (Government Code [54954.1](#))

### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

[35144](#) Special meetings  
[35145](#) Public meetings  
[35145.5](#) Right of public to place matters on agenda

#### GOVERNMENT CODE

[6250-6270](#) Public Records Act  
[53635.7](#) Separate item of business  
[54954.1](#) Mailed agenda of meeting  
[54954.2](#) Agenda posting requirements; board actions  
[54954.3](#) Opportunity for public to address legislative body  
[54954.5](#) Closed session item descriptions  
[54956.5](#) Emergency meetings  
[54957.5](#) Public records  
[54960.2](#) Challenging board actions; cease and desist

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

[12101-12213](#) Americans with Disabilities Act

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

[35.160](#) Effective communications  
[36.303](#) Auxiliary aids and services

#### COURT DECISIONS

Mooney v. Garcia, (2012) 207 Cal.App.4th 229  
Caldwell v. Roseville Joint Union High School District, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 66318

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### Management Resources:

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Call to Order: A Blueprint for Great Board Meetings, 2010

The Brown Act: School Boards and Open Meeting Laws, rev. 2009

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

The Brown Act: Open Meetings for Legislative Bodies, rev. 2003

#### WEB SITES

CSBA, Agenda Online: <http://www.csba.org>

California Attorney General's Office: <http://www.oag.ca.gov>

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