

B.8.1 (Policy) Board Meetings

Responsible Department: Office of the Chancellor, Legal Services

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Transacting Business

Official Board action shall be taken only in a manner, and at meetings, complying with the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 551). The affirmative vote of a majority of all Board members shall be required to transact business (see Texas Government Code 311.013). Each action of the Board supported by the majority is binding on the whole Board.

Problems presented to the Board require the collection and presentation of data pertinent to the solution of said problems. Only when such data have been considered and the Board has had ample opportunity to discuss the problem fully, should a decision be reached.

Minutes

Board action shall be carefully recorded by the Board Liaison or designee; when approved, these minutes shall serve as the legal record of official Board actions. The transcribed minutes of all meetings shall be approved by vote of the Board and signed by the Board Liaison or designee.

Certified Agenda

A certified agenda shall be kept of each and any “executive” or other closed session of the Board or any Committee, and the Presiding Officer shall certify that same is a true and correct reflection of matters therein deliberated. Such certified agenda shall include an announcement by the Presiding Officer of the times of commencement and conclusion of such closed session. No person shall divulge to any person either the certified agenda, or the substance of matters discussed, at any closed session under penalty of law (see Texas Government Code 551.146), other than pursuant to lawful authority.

Location

Unless otherwise provided in the agenda for a meeting, Board meetings shall be held at the Board Meeting Room of the Killeen Center at 201 W. Sheridan.

Date and Time

Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month. The Board shall convene in public at 6: 00 p.m. The Board may adjourn into a closed executive session conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, and other state law, and shall reconvene in open session to address the remaining items on the agenda.

When necessary, the Board Chairperson may change the date or time of a regular meeting. The posted agenda for that meeting shall reflect the changed date or time.

Special Meetings

The Chairperson of the Board shall call special meetings at the Chairperson's discretion or if requested by three members of the Board.

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Notice and Agenda

Prior to each regular Board meeting, the Chancellor, at the direction of the Chairperson or acting Chairperson of the Board, shall prepare and post an agenda at least 72 hours prior to the regular Board meeting and furnish a copy of same to each Trustee for his/her guidance and information at or about the time of the posting.

The Chairperson or any three Trustees can place an item on the agenda by submitting it, in writing, to the Chancellor, at least ten working days prior to the meeting.

Notice of all meetings shall provide for the possibility of a closed meeting during an open meeting, as provided by law.

The order of business for regular Board meetings shall be as set out in the posted agenda. At the meeting, the order in which agenda items are taken may be changed by the Chairperson.

Meeting Procedures

The Board shall observe the parliamentary procedures as found in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, except as otherwise provided in Board procedural rules or by law. Procedural rules may be suspended at any Board meeting by majority vote of the members present.

A trustee's motion and trustee's second shall be recorded by name along with results of the vote. A Call for Vote is required on items pertaining to the Tax Rate and the Tax Assessment Roll.

Consent Agenda

When the agenda is prepared, the Board Chairperson in consultation with the Chancellor shall determine items, if any, that qualify to be placed on the consent agenda. A consent agenda shall include items of a routine and/or recurring nature grouped together under one action item. For each item listed as part of a consent agenda, the Board shall be furnished with background material. All such items shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration. The remaining items shall be adopted under a single motion and vote.

Discussion

Discussions shall be addressed to the Chairperson of the Board and then the entire membership. Discussion shall be directed solely to the business currently under deliberation, and the Board Chairperson shall halt discussion that does not apply to the business before the Board.

The Board Chairperson shall also halt discussion if the Board has agreed to a time limitation for discussion of an item, and that time limit has expired. Aside from these limitations, the Chairperson shall not interfere with debate so long as members wish to address themselves to an item under consideration.

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Public Participation

Audience participation at a Board meeting is limited to the public comment portion of the meeting designated for that purpose. At all other times during a Board meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless recognized by the presiding officer.

At regular meetings the Board shall allot a portion of the meeting to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board. Persons who wish to speak to the Board shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak.

Individuals who have indicated an interest in addressing an agenda item or who wish to speak on issues not listed on the Board agenda will be recognized during the public comment portion of the meeting (designated "Citizens to be Heard").

No presentation shall exceed three minutes unless the time is increased by majority vote of the Board. Delegations of five or more persons shall appoint one person to present their views before the Board and shall not exceed five minutes.

Multiple delegations who wish to speak on a similar topic are encouraged to consolidate their presentation and shall not exceed five minutes.

Only persons recognized by the Board Chairperson may speak. If a speaker uses profanity, obscenity, or other offensive language the speaker forfeits the right to speak.

None of the above restrictions shall prevent the Board from consulting with personnel who may have information germane to the matters under consideration.

Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the posted agenda.

The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy. If not, the person shall be referred to the appropriate policy (see list below) to seek resolution:

Employee complaints: Policy [D.3.3](#)

Student complaints: Policy [F.4.6](#)

It is a criminal offense for a person, with intent to prevent or disrupt a lawful meeting, to substantially obstruct or interfere with the ordinary conduct of a meeting by physical action or verbal utterance and thereby curtail the exercise of others' First Amendment rights. The Board shall not tolerate disruption of the meeting by members of the audience. If, after at least one warning from the presiding officer, any person continues to disrupt the meeting by his/her words or actions, the presiding officer may request assistance from law enforcement officials to have the person removed from the meeting.

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A summary of the above information will be made available to all persons who attend meetings of the Board.

Broadcasting/Taping/Recording

The Board encourages the press, the media, and all interested individuals to attend Board meetings and to videotape or record all or any part of the open proceedings. To this end, the College District and its staff shall seek to facilitate all reasonable requests related to videotaping or recording activities. In accomplishing these goals, the Board does not intend to prevent or unreasonably impair camera coverage or tape recording; however, persons using a tape recorder, video camera, or other means of sonic or visual reproduction shall abide by the following rules:

1. All equipment that requires setting up must be assembled at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.
2. No strobes, flash lighting, or other bright lights that would impair the conduct of the meeting shall be used, unless approval has been obtained from the presiding officer before the meeting.
3. The Board proceedings shall not be interrupted for the purpose of accommodating any individual's camera coverage or tape recording. Any interviews during the meeting shall be conducted outside of the meeting chamber.
4. The presiding officer at the meeting may stop the sonic or visual reproduction if the individual operating the equipment or the equipment is being disruptive or in any way interfering with the orderly conduct of the Board meeting.
5. Stationary equipment that requires setting up shall not be taken down during the course of the meeting, but may be removed during a recess or after the meeting is over.
6. No tape recorder or video camera shall be allowed in a closed session, except as may be authorized by the Board.

The following additional rules shall apply to Board meetings held at College District facilities:

1. Once a meeting has started, no one shall be permitted to operate a tape recorder, video camera, or any other means of sonic or video reproduction in the center aisle of the meeting room.
2. Once the meeting has started, no tape recorder, video camera or other means of sonic or visual reproduction shall be operated from the door behind the podium.
3. No tape recorder, video camera, or other means of sonic or visual reproduction shall be operated from the podium.

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Legal Reference - TACC Policy Reference Manual

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