
California Special Districts Association

SAMPLE POLICY HANDBOOK

POLICY TITLE: Board Meeting Conduct

POLICY NUMBER: 5030

5030.1 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be conducted by the President in a manner consistent with the policies of the District. Policy No. 5070, "Rules of Order for Board and Committee Meetings", shall be used as a general guideline for meeting protocol.

5030.2 All Board meetings shall commence at the time stated on the agenda and shall be guided by same.

5030.3 The conduct of meetings shall, to the fullest possible extent, enable Directors to:

5030.3.1 Consider problems to be solved, weigh evidence related thereto, and make wise decisions intended to solve the problems; and,

5030.3.2 Receive, consider and take any needed action with respect to reports of accomplishment of District operations.

5030.4 Provisions for permitting any individual or group to address the Board concerning any item on the agenda of a special meeting, or to address the Board at a regular meeting on any subject that lies within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors, shall be as followed:

5030.4.1 Five minutes may be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of 20 minutes to each subject matter.

5030.4.2 No disruptive conduct shall be permitted at any Board meeting. Persistence in disruptive conduct shall be grounds for summary termination, by the Chairperson, of that person's privilege of address.

5030.5 Willful disruption of any of the meetings of the Board of Directors shall not be permitted. If the President finds that there is in fact willful disruption of any meeting of the Board, he/she may order the disrupting parties out of the room and subsequently conduct the Board's business without them present.

5030.5.1 After clearing the room of disruptive individuals, the President may permit those persons who, in his/her opinion, were not responsible for the willful disruption to remain in the meeting room.

5030.5.2 Duly accredited representatives of the news media, whom the President finds not to have participated in the disruption, shall be permitted to remain in the meeting.