
California Special Districts Association

SAMPLE POLICY HANDBOOK

POLICY TITLE: Duties of Board President

POLICY NUMBER: 4040

4040.1 The President of the Board of Directors shall serve as chairperson at all Board meetings. He/she shall have the same rights as the other members of the Board in voting, introducing motions, resolutions and ordinances, and any discussion of questions that follow said actions.

4040.2 In the absence of the President, the Vice President of the Board of Directors shall serve as chairperson over all meetings of the Board. If the President and Vice President of the Board are both absent, the remaining members present shall select one of themselves to act as chairperson of the meeting.

4040.3 DUTIES Regarding Meetings of the Board

The president shall preside over and conduct all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall carry out the resolution and orders of the Board of Directors and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe including the following:

1. Call the meeting to order at the appointed time;
2. Announce the business to come before the Board in its proper order;
3. Enforce the Board's policies in relation to the order of business and the conduct of meetings;
4. Recognize persons who desire to speak, and protect the speaker who has the floor from disturbance or interference;
5. Explain what the effect of a motion would be if it is not clear to every member;
6. Restrict discussion to the question when a motion is before the Board;
7. Rule on parliamentary procedure; and
8. Put motions to a vote, and state clearly the results of the vote.

4040.4 RESPONSIBILITIES

The president shall have all the rights to discuss and vote on any issues before the Board, but not to move or second any motion. If the president wishes to move or second a motion he/she must pass the gavel to the Vice-President and step down as the presiding officer for that particular agenda item. Responsibilities of the President include:

1. Sign all instruments, act, and carry out stated requirements and the will of the Board;
2. Sign the minutes of the Board meeting following their approval;
3. Appoint and disband all committees, subject to Board ratification;
4. Call such meetings of the Board as he/she may deem necessary, giving notice as prescribed by

law;

5. Coordinate the preparation of meeting agendas with the General Manager;
6. Confer with the General Manager or designee on crucial matters which may occur between Board of Directors meetings;
7. Be responsible for the orderly conduct of all Board meetings;
8. Be the Spokesperson for the Board; and
9. Perform other duties as authorized by the Board.