



## **AP 2720 Communications among Board Members**

Reference:

Government Code Section 54952.2, 54953

Definitions:

1. As used in this procedure, “meeting” means any congregation of a majority of the Board of Trustees at the same time and location, including teleconference location as permitted by Government Code Section 54953, to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Board members may engage in separate conversations or communications outside of a meeting in order to answer questions or provide information regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, if that person does not communicate to members of the Board the comments or position of any other member or members of the Board.
3. Nothing in this Procedure shall impose restrictions upon any of the following:
  - a. Individual contacts or conversations between a member of Board and any other person that do not violate Board Policy 2720.
  - b. The attendance of a majority of the Board at a conference or similar gathering open to the public that involves a discussion of issues of general interest to the public or to public agencies of the type represented by the Board, provided that a majority of the Board members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specialized nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.
  - c. The attendance of a majority of the members of the Board at an open and publicized meeting organized to address a topic of local community concern by a person or organization other than the District, provided that a majority of the Board members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.
  - d. The attendance of a majority of the members of the Board at an open and noticed meeting of another body of the District, or at an open and noticed meeting of a legislative body of another local agency, provided that a majority of the Board members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled meeting, business

of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

- e. The attendance of a majority of the members of the Board at a purely social or ceremonial occasion, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.
- f. The attendance of a majority of the members of the Board at an open and noticed meeting of a standing committee of the Board, provided that the members of the Board who are not members of the standing committee attend only as observers.

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