

## **LIMITS OF COUNTY BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY**

The Monterey County Board of Education (County Board) recognizes that the County Board is the unit of authority and that a County Board member has no individual authority.

*(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)*

*(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)*

*(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)*

*(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)*

*(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)*

Individual members of the County Board shall not exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE) schools or command the services of any MCOE employee. Individual County Board members shall submit requests for information to the Monterey County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent). County Board members shall refer Board-related correspondence to the County Superintendent for forwarding to the County Board or for placement on the County Board's agenda, as appropriate.

*(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)*

*(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)*

*(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)*

*(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)*

Individual County Board members do not have the authority to resolve complaints. Any County Board member approached directly by a person with a complaint should refer the complainant to the County Superintendent or designee so that the problem may receive proper consideration and be handled through the appropriate MCOE channels.

*(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. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)*

*(cf. 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education)*

County Board members who have children attending MCOE schools should be aware of their status as County Board members and the effect of that status on employees when

interacting with MCOE employees about his/her child. Because his/her position as a County Board member may inhibit the performance of school personnel, the County Board member should inform the County Superintendent or designee before visiting or volunteering in his/her child's classroom.

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*

*(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)*

*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

- 200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination*
- 7054 Use of district property*
- 35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules*
- 35100-35351 Governing boards, especially:*
- 35160-35184 Powers and duties*
- 35291 Rules*
- 35292 Visits to schools (Board members)*
- 51101 Rights of parents/guardians*

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 54950-54962 The Ralph M. Brown Act, especially:*
- 54952.1 Member of a legislative body of a local agency*
- 54952.7 Copies of chapter to members of legislative body*

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