

Policy 1.21 Committees

Members of the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees recognize the basic principle that they possess legal authority only when they are convened as a Board.

Committees of the Governing Board of The Peralta Colleges, both standing and ad hoc, are not operating committees, and as such, have no authority to assign tasks or make binding decisions. Their primary charge is to gather facts and information, facilitate discussion among interested parties and make recommendations to the full Board and chancellor on matters pertaining to oversight and especially the development of Board policy. The committees, operating in accordance with accreditation standards, will enhance the dialogue between Board and Chancellor and assist in making informed decisions that promote institutional success. The meetings shall be properly posted and open to the public and in strict conformance to the sunshine laws of the State of California. The minutes of the meetings should be included in a section of the Board agenda that focuses on Board committees. Each of the Committee Chairs should be prepared to provide, as appropriate, a brief oral and or written report that summarizes key aspects of each committee meeting as a regular part of the Board agenda.

A. The Board may by action establish standing and ad hoc committees that it determines are necessary to assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibility for oversight and policy development.

B The Board president shall determine the membership of each committee, with due consideration for individual preferences.

B. Board committees have no authority or power to act on behalf of the Board nor do they have any authority to direct staff to perform committee work unless specifically authorized by the chancellor. Findings and policy recommendations shall be reported to the Board for formal consideration and as appropriate agendized for action at public meetings.

C. Each committee shall have a charter approved by the Board. After its annual reconstitution as a first order of business, each committee shall submit a proposal to the Board for guidance and approval that will include:

1. Goals and objectives of the committee for the current calendar year
2. Individual initiatives and issues to be pursued
3. Priorities
4. Staffing needs
5. Funding needs
6. A schedule of regular committee meetings

Source of Law:

Government Code Section 54952

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