

BOARD MEMBERS
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BOARD AUTHORITY	The Board has final authority to determine and interpret the policies that govern the College District and, within the limits imposed by other legal authorities, has complete and full control of the College District.
TRANSACTIONING BUSINESS	Official Board action shall be taken only in meetings that comply with the Open Meetings Act. The affirmative vote of a majority of all Board members shall be required to transact business. [See BD] Each action of the Board supported by the majority is binding on the whole Board.
INDIVIDUAL AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTING THE BOARD	Board members as individuals shall not exercise authority over the College District, its property, or its employees. Except for appropriate duties and functions of the Chairperson of the Board, an individual member may act on behalf of the Board only with the express authorization of the Board. Without such authorization, no individual member may commit the Board on any issue. [See BCAB]
INDIVIDUAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION	An individual Board member, acting in his or her official capacity, shall have the right to seek information pertaining to College District fiscal affairs, business transactions, governance, and personnel matters, including information that properly may be withheld from members of the general public in accordance with the Public Information Chapter of the Government Code. [See GAA]
LIMITATIONS	In accordance with the policies on student records at FJ(LEGAL) and (LOCAL), individual members shall not have access to confidential student records unless the member is acting in his or her official capacity and has a legitimate educational interest in the records.
REQUESTS FOR RECORDS	Individual members shall seek access to records or request copies of records from the College President.
REQUESTS FOR REPORTS	Directives to the College President or other College District staff regarding the preparation of reports that will, in the opinion of the College President, require excessive staff time or expense shall be authorized by action of the Board.
CONFIDENTIALITY	At the time Board members are provided access to confidential records or to reports compiled from such records, the College President or other College District employee shall advise them of their responsibility to comply with confidentiality requirements.
REFERRING COMPLAINTS	If employees, students, or citizens bring a concern or complaint to an individual Board member, he or she shall refer them to the College President or designee, who shall proceed according to appropriate Board policies and/or procedures.

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When the concern or complaint directly pertains to the Board's own actions or policy, for which there is no administrative remedy, the Board member may request that the issue be placed on the agenda.

STAFF AUTHORITY

Except as authorized by these policies, no employee or agent shall have the authority to bind the College District contractually.