



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: First and Final Reading of Board Policy BE (Local) – Board Meetings

SUBMITTED BY: Trautmann & Garcia **OF:** Attorneys

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: January 25, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the UISD Board of Trustees approve the First and Final Reading of Board Policy BE (Local) – Board Meetings

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

POLICY REFERENCE & COMPLIANCE:

PROPOSED REVISIONS

Meeting Place and Time

The notice for a Board meeting shall reflect the date, time, and location of the meeting.

Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board shall normally be held on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. When determined necessary and for the convenience of Board members, the Board President may change the date, time, or location of a regular meeting.

Workshops

Board workshops shall normally be held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. with proper notice. When determined necessary and for the convenience of Board members, the Board President may change the date, time, or location of a workshop.

Special or Emergency Meetings

The Board President shall call special meetings at the Board President's discretion or on request by three members of the Board.

The Board President shall call an emergency meeting when it is determined by the Board President or three members of the Board that an emergency or urgent public necessity, as defined by law, warrants the meeting.

Business and Instructional Committees

~~The meetings for the standing business committee and the standing instructional committee shall normally be held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. with proper notice.~~

Agenda

Deadline

The deadline for submitting items for inclusion on the agenda is the third business day before regular ~~and standing committee~~ meetings and Board workshops and the third calendar day before special meetings.

Preparation

In consultation with the Board President, the Superintendent shall prepare the agenda for all Board meetings. The Superintendent shall include on the preliminary agenda of a regular or special meeting all topics that have been timely submitted by at least three Board members, and on the preliminary agenda of a ~~standing committee meeting~~ Board workshop all topics that have been timely submitted by at least two Board members. The Superintendent shall have the authority to request items to be included on an agenda for any meeting.

Before the official agenda is finalized for any meeting, the Superintendent shall consult the Board President to ensure that the agenda and the topics included meet with the Board President's approval. In reviewing the preliminary agenda, the Board President shall ensure that any topics the Board or at least three Board members have requested to be addressed are either on that agenda or

scheduled for deliberation no later than the next regular meeting. The Board President shall not have authority to remove from the agenda a subject requested by at least three Board members without specific authorization from those three Board members.

Notice to Members

Members of the Board shall be given notice of regular and special meetings at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of the meeting and at least one hour prior to the time of an emergency meeting.

Closed Meeting

Notice of all meetings shall provide for the possibility of a closed meeting during an open meeting, in accordance with law.

The Board may conduct a closed meeting when the agenda subject is one that may properly be discussed in closed meeting. [See BEC]

Order of Business

The order of business for regular Board meetings shall be as set out in the agenda accompanying the notice of the meeting. At the meeting, the order in which posted agenda items are taken may be changed by consensus of Board members.

Rules of Order

The Board shall observe the parliamentary procedures as found in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, except as otherwise provided in Board procedural rules or by law. Procedural rules may be suspended at any Board meeting by majority vote of the members present.

Voting

Voting shall be by voice vote or show of hands, as directed by the Board President. Any member may abstain from voting, and a member's vote or abstention shall be recorded in the minutes. [See BDAA(LOCAL) for the Board President's voting rights]

Consent Agenda

When the agenda is prepared, the Board President shall determine items, if any, that qualify to be placed on the consent agenda. A consent agenda shall include items of a routine and/or recurring nature grouped together under one action item. For each item listed as part of a consent agenda, the Board shall be furnished with background material. All such items shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration. The remaining items shall be adopted under a single motion and vote.

Minutes

Board action shall be carefully recorded by the Board Secretary or clerk; when approved, these minutes shall serve as the legal record of official Board actions. The written minutes of all meetings shall be approved by vote of the Board and signed by the Board President and the Board Secretary.

**Discussions and
Limitation**

The official minutes of the Board shall be retained on file in the office of the Superintendent and shall be available for examination during regular office hours.

Discussions shall be addressed to the Board President and then the entire membership. Discussion shall be directed solely to the business currently under deliberation, and the Board President shall halt discussion that does not apply to the business before the Board.

The Board President shall also halt discussion if the Board has agreed to a time limitation for discussion of an item, and that time limit has expired. Aside from these limitations, the Board President shall not interfere with debate so long as members wish to address themselves to an item under consideration.