



Board Policy
Chapter 2 – Board of Trustees

BP 2100 BOARD ELECTIONS

Eligibility

A member of the Board of Trustees must be a qualified elector of the District as provided by law. Any person, regardless of sex, who is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the State of California, a resident of the Santa Monica Community College District, a registered voter, and who is not disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the State from holding a civil office, is eligible to be elected or appointed a member of the Board of Trustees without further qualifications. An employee of the District may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the governing board until he/she resigns as an employee.

Statement Costs for Board of Trustees Candidates

To encourage broad participation in District governance, the District will bear the costs of Board of Trustees candidate statements to be included in the voter’s sample ballot pamphlet provided said candidate complies with the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Records/County Clerk requirement and procedures.

Election

Election to the Board of Trustees shall be held in conjunction with the general election on Tuesday after the second Monday in November in each even-numbered year. The terms of all members shall commence on the first Friday in December next succeeding his or her election and upon certification by the County of Los Angeles. Each member shall serve until his/her successor is elected and qualified.

When three or more members are to be elected, the three or more candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Any tie in voting shall be settled by the casting of lots by the Board of Trustees.

Before any person elected or appointed as a member of the Board of Trustees enters upon the performance of his/her duties, he/she shall execute the specified oath of office in triplicate. One of the forms shall be filed in each of the following places: The office of the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools, the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office, and the Superintendent/President’s Office. A copy of the form shall be given to the Board member.

Term

The term of office of an elected member of the Board of Trustees shall be four years except when he/she is seeking election to complete the unexpired term of a vacated position. The term of all members shall commence on the second Friday in December next succeeding his/her election and upon certification by the County of Los Angeles except when appointed.

The terms of office of the members shall be staggered so that some of the terms expire in December of each even-numbered year. The County Superintendent of Schools shall make any determinations and assignments necessary for these purposes.

Also see BP 2010 Board Membership

References:

Education Code Sections 5000 et seq., 72000, 72023, 72034, 72036, and 72103

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