

# GOV1.5 - Board Members: Authority

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### Board Member Authority and Responsibilities

#### (Description)

All powers of the Governing Board lie in its collective action as a public body. A "meeting" is defined as the gathering, in person or through technological means, of a quorum of members to discuss, propose, or take legal action, including any deliberations on such actions, in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes.

Individual Board members exercise authority over District matters only through votes taken at a properly noticed legal meeting of the Board. An individual Board member has authority only when, and to the extent that, the Board has delegated such authority through a formal vote.

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Any request for information made by individual Board members shall be assigned to the appropriate District employee or referred to the full Board for consideration at the discretion of the Superintendent. This ensures that all requests are handled in a manner consistent with Board procedures and aligned with District operations.

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### BOARD COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF MEMBERS

#### LOCAL

Official communication between the Board and employees will occur as follows:

- An employee will first communicate on school- or employment-related matters at the administrative level. Any employee who exhausts the opportunity of discussing a matter at the various administrative levels may then communicate in writing with the Board on the matter. No anonymous communication will be considered by the Board.
- Official communications, policies, directives, Board concerns, and Board action(s), as appropriate, will be communicated to employees by the Superintendent.

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## **BOARD MEMBER CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, AND WORKSHOPS**

In keeping with the need for continuing in-service training and development for its members, the Board encourages the participation of all members at appropriate Board conferences, workshops, and conventions. However, to control the investment of time and funds necessary to implement this policy, the Board establishes these principles and procedures for its guidance:

- **A.** The Board will periodically decide which meetings appear most promising in producing direct and indirect benefits to the District.
- **B.** Funds for participation at such meetings will be budgeted annually. When funds are limited, the Board will designate which members would be the most appropriate to participate at a given meeting. With prior approval, board members may participate in meetings other than those authorized by the budget.
- **C.** When the full board does not attend a conference, convention, or workshop, those who do participate will be requested to share information, recommendations, and material acquired at the meeting.

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