

BOARD BYLAW

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Bylaws of the Board

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GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS

An election for members of the Board of Education of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District shall be held biennially on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each succeeding even-numbered year to fill the offices of those members whose terms expire on the first Friday in December following the election. A member whose term has expired shall continue to discharge the duties of the office until his/her successor has qualified by taking the oath of office.

The regular biennial election of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District shall be consolidated with that of the North Orange County Community College District, and may be further consolidated with city elections in accordance with provisions of the Education Code and the Elections Code. Such consolidations shall be effected by the County Superintendent of Schools, County of Orange, upon receipt of the Board's written resolution requesting such consolidations, and with the written consent of the affected city's legislative body and that of the North Orange County Community College District's Board of Trustees when consolidation with city elections is requested.

The Board's written resolution(s), the specifications of the election order, shall be delivered to the County Superintendent not less than 123 days prior to the day of the election. The date of the election and the purpose of the election shall be stated therein, as shall the authority for ordering the election and the authority for the specifications of the election order, and the signature of the Clerk of the Board shall be affixed thereto.

Persons seeking to be named as candidates or to nominate a candidate for election to the Board must file with the Registrar of Voters, County of Orange, a declaration of candidacy or a nomination by sponsors not more than 113 days nor less than 88 days prior to the election in order to be named, or to name, a candidate on the ballot.

The regular biennial election of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District shall be governed by the Elections Code, except as otherwise provided in the Education Code.

Board Member Qualifications

Any person is eligible to be a member of the Governing Board, without further qualifications, if he/she is:

- 18 years of age or older by election day,
- a citizen of California,
- a resident of the school district,
- a resident of the trustee area for the office he/she is seeking,
- a registered voter at the time Nomination Papers are issued and qualified to vote for the office,
- eligible to take the oath of office and be able to be bonded in the amounts provided for by statute,

- not an employee of a school district at the time sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of that school district's governing board,
- not legally disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the State from holding civil office.

A district employee elected to the Board shall resign his/her employment before being sworn in or shall have his/her employment automatically terminated upon being sworn into office.

Elections Process and Procedures

The district is divided into by-trustee areas and each trustee area shall be represented by one Board member who resides in and is elected by voters residing within that trustee area. Trustee areas shall be balanced by population as required by state and federal law.

Prior to March 1 following the year in which the results of each decennial federal census are released, the Board shall adjust the boundaries of the district's trustee areas based on population figures as validated by the Population Research Unit of the Department of Finance.

Campaign Conduct

In order to help protect the public's trust in the electoral process as well as the public's confidence in the Board and district, the Board encourages all candidates to sign and adhere to the principles in the Code of Fair Campaign Practices pursuant to Elections Code 20440.

Statement of Qualifications

The district shall assume no part of the cost of printing, handling, translating, or mailing of candidate statements filed pursuant to Elections Code 13307.

On the 125th day prior to the day fixed for the general district election, the Board secretary or his/her designee shall deliver a notice, bearing the secretary's signature and district seal, to the county elections official describing both of the following:

1. The elective offices of the district to be filled at the general election and which offices, if any, are for the balance of an unexpired term.
2. The candidate is responsible for costs related to the publication of a statement of qualifications.

Candidate statements shall be limited to no more than 200 words.

Tie Votes in Board Member Elections

Whenever a tie makes it impossible to determine which of two or more candidates has been elected to the Board, the Board shall immediately notify the candidates who received the tie votes of the time and place where the candidates or their representatives should appear before the Board. The Board at that time shall determine the winner by lot.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Education Code

Sections 5000-5033	Elections
Sections 5220-5231	Elections
Sections 5300-5304	General provisions (conduct of elections)
Sections 5320-5329	Order and call of elections
Sections 5340-5345	Consolidation of elections
Sections 5360-5363	Election notice
Section 5380	Compensation (of election officer)
Section 5390	Qualification of voters
Sections 5420-5426	Cost of elections
Sections 5440-5442	Miscellaneous provisions
Section 7054	Use of district property
Section 35107	Eligibility; school district employees
Section 35177	Campaign expenditures or contributions

Elections Code

Section 20	Public office eligibility
Section 1302	Local elections, school district election
Section 2201	Grounds for cancellation
Sections 4000-4008	Elections conducted wholly by mail
Section 10010	District Boundaries
Sections 10400-10418	Consolidation of elections
Section 10509	Notice of election by secretary
Sections 10600-10604	School district elections
Section 13307	Candidate's statement
Section 13308	Candidate's statement contents
Section 13309	Candidate's statement, indigence
Sections 14025-14032	California Voting Rights Act
Section 20440	Code of Fair Campaign Practices

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