



# Board Training Plan Options

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School	Date(s)	In-Person or Virtual	Brown Act (Option 1-4)	Planned Topics in Addition to the Brown Act
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## TRAINING

### I. Required Training

#### **Brown Act**

##### **Option 1 - Charter School Development Center (Asynchronous)**

A series of short instructional videos that discuss in-depth the Ralph M. Brown Act. This online training opportunity is a self-paced instructional tutorial that can be done individually at home or viewed as part of a collective board training.

##### **Option 2 - California Special Districts Association (Asynchronous)**

#### **We Should See You- Brown Act Compliance**

##### **On-Demand Webinar**

Description: This webinar will provide education for public officials and employees at all levels about the legal requirements and procedures to ensure public business is conducted in full compliance with California's transparency laws. Attendees will learn the Brown Act's requirements concerning agendas, meeting procedures, public participation and permissible closed session exceptions. Attendees will also learn about potential pitfalls that may lead to inadvertent violations as a result of the use of email, text messaging and social media as well as emerging issues and legislative updates.

Cost: \$85

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## **Brown Act Compliance During a Pandemic**

### [On Demand Webinar](#)

Description: Learn how to conduct an open and public meeting at a time when public health officials are recommending or requiring cancellation of public assemblies and social distancing. Find out how the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20 temporarily suspends certain Brown Act provisions to allow special districts to make meetings accessible electronically. In this webinar, Alexandra Barnhill, an experienced municipal lawyer and General Counsel for several special districts, will walk you through what an agency can and cannot do under the revised laws. She will discuss complex questions about maintaining attorney/client privilege in closed sessions and recommend best practices to achieve transparency in these uncertain times.

Cost: \$85

## **Option 3 - HANSBERGER & KLEIN School Law (Asynchronous)**

### [Online Course](#)

This course covers the following topics:

1. Purpose and Scope of the Act
2. Definition of Meetings
3. Notice and Agenda Requirements for Meetings
4. Rights of the Public
5. Permissible Closed Sessions
6. Penalties and Remedies for Violations of the Act

Cost: \$24.99 (must be completed in 30 days)

## **Option 4 - Private Legal Counsel/Consultant (Live Training)**

Hire a legal expert like lawyer, Jennifer McQuarrie, to lead a Brown Act Training Session.

Cost: Hourly Rate



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## II. Optional + Recommended

1. Financial Training - Charter Impact
2. Legislative - Authorizer, Legal, Lobbyist, or School Team Member

## III. Other Optional Topics

### **CSDC Asynchronous Trainings**

*Online, self-paced videos and quizzes that allow charter school board members to learn at their own pace*

#### MODULE 1

##### **On Being a Board Member**

This module covers all the basics, from the best practices in board member on-boarding to a basic understanding of the “power” a governing board has in charter school leadership.

#### MODULE 2

##### **Speaking the Language**

The education community speaks its own language and often talks in acronyms. This module provides a basic translation for the most commonly used education vernacular.

#### MODULE 3

##### **Laws, Lobbying, and the Legislature**

Charter schools were created by the California Legislature and are subject to new laws and changes every year. In this module, board members will gain an understanding of the role of the Legislature in governing charter schools and of how charter leaders play a part in impacting the Legislature.

#### MODULE 4

##### **Governing Board Roles and Responsibilities**

A difficult part of governing a charter school can be understanding the difference between governance and management. This module walks board members through traditional divisions of duties and clarifies some best practices.



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## MODULE 5

### **Human Resources**

The majority of a charter school's budget is spent on personnel costs – both salary and benefits. Governing board members need to have a basic understanding of issues like PERS, STRS, and labor negotiations in order to make educated decisions. This module provides a framework for those discussions.

## MODULE 6

### **California Charter Basic**

Have you ever wondered how California charter schools came to be? This module gives a basic understanding of the past 25 years of charter school history and asks some important questions about the future of chartered schools in California.

## **California Special Districts Association**

### **What Every Board Member Should Know [On-Demand Webinar](#)**

Being a Board member and representing the public is an obligation that most individuals never hold. It is clearly necessary that the multi-faceted responsibilities and expectations of a Board member be well understood. This class outlines the basic responsibilities of a Board member for the candidate, the newly elected, or the experienced sitting Board members.