

AP 6740 Citizens' Oversight Committee

Reference:

Education Code Sections 15278, 15280 & 15282

As a requirement of Proposition 39, a Citizens' Oversight Committee is established for the following:

Purposes

1. To inform the public about the expenditure of bond revenues.
2. To review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for College construction.
3. To advise the public as to the District's compliance with the Proposition 39 requirements as contained in the California Constitution.

Activities

1. Receive and review copies of the annual, independent performance audit;
2. Receive and review copies of the annual, independent financial audit;
3. Inspect school facilities and grounds to ensure that bond revenues are expended properly;
4. Receive and review copies of any deferred maintenance proposals or plans developed by District.
5. Review efforts by the District to maximize bond revenues by implementing cost-saving measures.

Members

The committee shall consist of seven (7) members, at least five (5) of whom must represent each of the five (5) different categories as described in Education Code section 15282(a)(1)-(a)(5) described below. Members of the Committee serve a term of four (4) years and may not serve more than three (3) consecutive four-year terms. Members shall serve without compensation.

The committee shall be comprised of at least:

1. One member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the College;
2. One member active in a senior citizen's organization;

3. One member active in a bona fide taxpayer's organization;
4. One student member both currently enrolled in the District and active in a campus group. The student may serve up to six months after his or her graduation;
5. One member from a College Advisory Council or the Taft College Foundation.

No employee, official, vendor, contractor, or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the committee.

Assistance

The District shall provide the committee with any necessary technical or administrative assistance, as well as other resources, to publicize its conclusions.

Public Meetings

Meetings shall be open to the public and notice provided in accordance with the provisions of open meetings laws.

Reports

At least once a year the committee shall issue a report on the results of its activities. Minutes from its proceedings, all documents received, and reports issued as a matter of public record and shall be made available on an internet website maintained by the District.