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BOARD EDUCATION

Reference:

ACCJC Accreditation Standard 4

Board education plays a central role in the professional development of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is committed to engaging collectively and individually in relevant educational activities to strengthen understanding of emerging policy issues and of the role, mission, and impact of public California community colleges in general and Santa Barbara City College specifically. This may be accomplished through program-specific presentations scheduled in open session during Board meetings, conference attendance, participation in statewide trustee organizations and meetings, and other activities which relate to the role and education of Board members.

Training for new board members is important. The Superintendent/President and the Board of Trustees shall provide an orientation for each new member to understand the Board's functions, policies, and procedures before each member assumes office. Such assistance may include, but not be limited to, providing written materials and invitations to attend Board meetings and/or conferences with the Superintendent/President.

The Superintendent/President shall ensure each new member of the Board receives an orientation consisting of meetings with union representatives, faculty, staff, students, college managers and supervisors. Each new member will be invited to a campus tour, including an overview of major facilities and introduction to a variety of programs available to students.

The Board President will provide mentors for the newly elected trustees and will provide resources that include Brown Act requirements, any collective bargaining agreements and the Community College League of California Trustee Handbook.

The new member shall be encouraged to attend meetings on a regional and/or statewide basis held as training/information sessions by other organizations.

During an election year, the Superintendent/President shall hold an orientation meeting and tour after the close of the Santa Barbara County Candidate filing deadline for all certified candidates for the Board of Trustees.



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