

Brown Act of 1953

CA Government Code §54950-
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Public Need Not Identify Self

- A member of the public shall not be required as a condition of attendance to register or to supply any identification.
- If a sign in sheet is used, it shall clearly state that signing in is strictly **voluntary** .
- §54953.3

Agenda Packet

- Any person may request in writing that a copy of the agenda, or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet, be mailed to that person for a fee.
- §54954.1

POSTING

72 Hour Posting §54954.2 (a) (1)

- At least 72 hours before a regular meeting, the board shall post an agenda containing a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted at that meeting including items for a closed session.
- No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not posted on the agenda 72 hours before the regular meeting.
- There are three exceptions...

Public may address the board (§54954.3 (a))

- Every agenda shall provide the public an opportunity to directly address the board. This is allowed before or during the board's consideration of an item.
- The public may speak on any topic that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the board.
- However, the public need not be afforded an opportunity to speak on topics already discussed openly at a committee meeting where the public had an opportunity to speak.

Time limits (§54954.3 (b))

- The board may adopt regulations to limit the total amount of time allocated for a particular issue and for each speaker as included on the posted agenda.

Willful interruption (§54957.9)

- If any meeting is willfully interrupted so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored by removal of the problem individuals, the board may order the room cleared and continue the meeting.
- The board shall allow the press and individuals not causing the disturbance to reenter the meeting room.

Standing committees (§54952 (b))

- Regardless of composition, as long as it has a continuing subject matter jurisdiction, or a fixed meeting schedule by formal action , **a standing committee falls under the Brown Act.**

QUESTIONS?