



**BP 2720**

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**Board Policy**  
Chapter 2 – Governing Board

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## **BP 2720   Communications Among Governing Board Members**

**Reference:**

Government Code Section 54952.2

A majority of the members of the Governing Board shall not, outside of an official Board Meeting, use a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Governing Board. In addition, no other person shall make serial communications to Board Members.

This policy shall not be construed as preventing an employee or official of the District, from engaging in separate conversations or communications, outside of a meeting, with members of the Governing Board in order to answer questions or provide information regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Governing Board, provided that person does not communicate to members of the Governing Board the comments or position of any other member or members of the Governing Board.

This policy shall also not be construed as preventing a member of the Governing Board from engaging in separate conversations or communications on an internet-based social media platform to answer questions, provide information to the public, or to solicit information from the public regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. In doing so, a majority of the members of the Governing Board may not use the internet-based social media platform to discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. However, a member of the Governing Board shall not respond directly to any communication on an internet-based social media platform regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board that another member of the Board has made, posted, or shared.

Except for the conditions of this policy, individual contacts or conversations between members of the Governing Board and any other person are not constrained.

Also see BP 2200 Board Duties and Responsibilities and BP/AP 2715 Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice.

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