

BP 1100 BOARD ELECTIONS

References:

Education Code Sections 5000 et seq. and 72036

The term of office of each Board of Trustees member shall be four years, commencing on the second Friday in December following the election. Elections shall be held every two years, in even numbered years. Terms of Board of Trustees members are staggered so that, as nearly as practical, one half of the Board members shall be elected at each Board member election.

Eligibility requirements, dates of elections, and methods of dealing with vacancies are established by law and are presented in the administrative procedures.

The Board of Trustees has provided for the election of trustees by trustee areas.

A map of the trustee areas is available on the Riverside Community College District's Board of Trustees web page.

The election of a Board member residing in and registered to vote in the trustee area the member seeks to represent shall be only by the registered voters of the same trustee area.

The Chancellor shall submit recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding adjustments to be made to the boundaries of each trustee area, if any adjustment is necessary, after each decennial federal census. The Chancellor shall submit the recommendation in time for the Board of Trustees to act as required by law.

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I. Eligibility

Any person who is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the state, a resident within the boundary of the community college district, a registered voter, and who is not disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office, is eligible to be elected or appointed a member of the Board of Trustees without further qualifications.

An employee of the District may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of the Board of Trustees unless and until the employee resigns employment with the District. If the employee does not resign, the employment will automatically terminate upon being sworn into office.

II. Number of Trustees and Term of Office

- A. The Board of Trustees consists of five members elected by District for terms of four years.
- B. Terms of two members expire on the second Friday in December in one even-numbered year and those of the other three members on the second Friday in December in the next succeeding even-numbered year (statewide general election).
- C. Terms of office begin on the second Friday in December following the election in November in even-numbered years.

III. Elections

Notice of elections shall be posted and the election held on the same day as the statewide general election in November.

IV. Vacancies

- A. If a vacancy occurs or a resignation is filed with the county superintendent of schools containing a deferred effective date, the Board of Trustees shall within sixty (60) days of the vacancy or filing of deferred resignation call an election or make a provisional appointment to fill the vacancy. The Board of Trustees member may not defer the effective date of the resignation for more than 60 days after the Board of Trustees member files the resignation. In the

event the Board of Trustees fails to make a provisional appointment or call an election within the sixty (60) day period, the county superintendent of schools shall order an election to fill the vacancy. No special election or appointment to fill a vacancy shall take place if the vacancy occurs within four (4) months of the end of the term of that position.

- B. If the vacancy occurs or a resignation is filed with the county superintendent of schools containing a deferred date within six (6) months of, but not more than 130 days before a regularly scheduled election and the position is not scheduled to be filled at such election, the vacancy must be filled at a special election consolidated with the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees election.

Also see BP 1010 Board Membership, BP 1100 Board Elections, and BP/AP 1100 Vacancies on the Board.

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