

2023.

POLICY ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Reference: California Education Code, Sections 5000 et seq., 72036, 72103

A. Election of Board of Trustee Members.

1. Election of members of the Board of Trustees shall be conducted in accordance with the California Education Code, and the Election Code.

Any person, regardless of gender, who is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the state, a resident 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 a governing board of a community college district without further qualifications.

2. Terms of trustees are staggered so that, as nearly as practical, one half of the trustees are elected at each trustee election.
3. The election of members of the Board of Trustees, residing in and registered to vote in one specific trustee area, shall be by the registered voters of that specific trustee area. The trustee areas are:

Area 1, Area 2, Area 3, Area 4, Area 5

Accurate descriptions of the trustee areas can be found on the Board of Trustees website by clicking this link:

https://www.lbcc.edu/sites/main/files/file-attachments/lbccd_map_of_trustee_areas.pdf?1592856714

Education Code Section 5019.5 establishes the obligation to adjust the boundaries of trustee areas after each decennial census in districts where trustee areas have been established and in which each trustee is elected by the residents of the area.

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



4. The two or three candidates, in the respective years, receiving the highest number of votes within their trustee area shall be elected to office. If a tie vote makes it impossible to determine which of two or more candidates has been elected to the Governing Board, the winner of the election shall be determined by lot in accordance with provisions of the Education Code and District Resolution Number 011194C.
5. Candidates for the Board of Trustees shall pay the filing fee for candidacy. The candidate's statement of qualifications for the position of member of the Board of Trustees of the Long Beach Community College District shall be limited to no more than two hundred (200) words. The actual prorated costs of printing, handling and translating candidate's statements, if any, incurred by the County of Los Angeles Registrar Recorder/County Clerk as a result of providing this service, shall be included as part of the total prorated election costs to be paid by the District. The individual candidates shall pay any costs of printing, handling, and translating of candidate's statements.
6. Trustees elected at regular biennial Governing Board member elections shall hold office for terms of four (4) years. A trustee's term of office shall commence on the *second* Friday of December following the general election in November. Any member of the Board whose term has expired shall continue to discharge the duties of the office until his or her successor has qualified. The term of the successor shall begin upon the expiration of the term of his or her predecessor.
7. Elected trustees shall be sworn in at the December annual Board organizational meeting.

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