
Kern Community College District
Administrative Procedures
Chapter 2 – Board of Trustees

AP 2105 Election of Student Member(s)

Reference:

Education Code Section 72023.5

Section 72023.5 of the Education Code provides for a student to be a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees. The procedures for selection are to be prescribed by the governing board. The following are included in the Board Policy Manual procedures.

- (1) The student member shall be elected by a plurality vote of those voting in a regular election of the student body. All members of the student body may vote. Normally, the election will be conducted during the spring semester and will be completed in time for the student member to take office on June 1.
- (2) The Colleges' student body shall designate the student representative to be the official member of the Board of Trustees.
- (3) The Student Board member shall be selected during the spring semester and commence the term of office at a Board meeting in June.
- (4) Should the Student Board member resign or be ineligible for office prior to the expiration of the term of office, the student president of the Student Board member's respective associated student government shall complete the remainder of the term. If the student president is not able to fulfill the position, then it shall fall to the succession line of the Student Board member's respective associated student government.
- (5) Students must be enrolled in a college of the District for at least five semester units, or its equivalent, and shall meet and maintain the minimum standards of scholarship for community college students to be eligible as representatives. Procedures for checking eligibility will be the responsibility of each campus. Employees of the District, other than student employees, are not eligible to serve as student representatives.

The Student Member may be recalled in an election conducted in the same manner as the election to office. An election will be recalled upon presentation to the District Chancellor of a petition signed by at least 10% of the students enrolled within the District at the time of filing the petition.

Upon notice to the District Chancellor that a vacancy has occurred due to a recall election, the District Chancellor or designee may arrange for a special election that provides for:

- Notice communicated to the student body of the result of the recall election, if the vacancy has occurred as the result of a recall election, and arrangements for a special

election;

- An application period for students to submit an application to become a candidate for the open position that will be open for at least 5 days on which classes are regularly held;
- Following such an application period, a period of time no less than 5 days upon which classes are regularly held for campaigning, and;
- Voting for the special election to be concluded within 30 days following the date upon which the position became vacant.

If the seat of a student member becomes vacant during his or her the student member's term, the governing board may authorize the officers of student body associations established pursuant to Section 76060 at each community college in the district to appoint a student to serve the remainder of the term in accordance with procedures established by the governing board.

No special election will be called if the vacancy occurs within 30 days of a regularly scheduled election for student member.