

## Advisory Committees to the Board

In an ongoing effort to increase communication with the public and to provide for citizen involvement, the Board may appoint advisory committees which include community members to consider matters of district-wide importance as the law requires or where special need exists.

The Board will adopt guidelines for each committee as appropriate, which will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. The committee's written charge, which shall include, but not be limited to, a statement of purpose and responsibility;
2. The resources the Board will provide;
3. The length of time the committee is asked to serve and the approximate date(s) on which the Board wishes to receive committee report(s).

Except as specifically provided by the Board, citizen advisory committees will cease to function when their reports have been received by the Board or when the purposes for which they were established have been accomplished.

The Board may be represented on such advisory committees in an advisory capacity, with specific Board members appointed by the chairman, but normally Board members will function as ex-officio members of the committees.

Additionally, upon petition of at least two component school districts, the Board shall establish a local advisory committee(s) to represent the interests of areas within the petitioning district(s). Committee composition and number of members, including process of selection and term of office will be determined by the Board.

Advisory committee recommendations will be given careful consideration by the Board. The Board's responsibility, however, cannot be delegated or surrendered to others; therefore, all recommendations of an advisory committee must be submitted to the Board for action and will be recognized as advisory in nature.

All advisory committee meetings shall be considered open meetings and comply with the Public Meetings Law.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192.610](#)  
[ORS 192.630](#)  
[ORS 294.336](#)

[ORS 334.025](#)  
[ORS 334.125](#)

[OAR 581-024-0300](#)

"Attorney General's Public Records and Meetings Manual," pp. 80-82 (1997).