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Board Policy Manual

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Bylaw 9000: Role Of The Board

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The Cambrian Governing Board has been elected by the community to provide leadership and citizen oversight of the district. The Board shall ensure that the district is responsive to the values, beliefs, and priorities of the community.

The Board shall work with the Superintendent to fulfill its major responsibilities, which include:

1. Setting the direction for the district through a process that involves the community, parents/guardians, students, and staff and is focused on student learning and achievement
2. Establishing an effective and efficient organizational structure for the district by:
 - a. Employing the Superintendent and setting policy for hiring practices
 - b. Overseeing the development and adoption of policies
 - c. Establishing academic expectations and adopting the curriculum and instructional materials
 - d. Establishing budget priorities and adopting the budget
 - e. Providing safe, adequate facilities that support the district's instructional program
 - f. Setting parameters for negotiations with employee organizations and ratifying collective bargaining agreements
3. Providing support to the Superintendent and staff as they carry out the Board's direction by:
 - a. Establishing and adhering to standards of responsible governance
 - b. Making decisions and providing resources that support district priorities and goals
 - c. Upholding Board policies
 - d. Being knowledgeable about district programs and efforts in order to serve as effective spokespersons
4. Ensuring accountability to the public for the performance of the district's schools by:
 - a. Evaluating the Superintendent
 - b. Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of policies
 - c. Serving as a judicial (hearing) and appeals body in accordance with law, Board policies, and negotiated agreements
 - d. Monitoring student achievement and program effectiveness and requiring program changes as necessary
 - e. Monitoring and adjusting district finances
 - f. Monitoring the collective bargaining process
5. Providing community leadership and advocacy on behalf of students, the district's educational program, and public education in order to build support within the local community and at the state and national levels

The Board is authorized to establish and finance any program or activity that is not in conflict with, inconsistent with, or preempted by law. (Education Code 35160)

Bylaw 9005: Governance Standards

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The Cambrian Governing Board believes that its primary responsibility is to act in the best interests of Cambrian students. To maximize Board effectiveness and public confidence in district governance, Board members are expected to govern responsibly and hold themselves to the highest standards of ethical conduct.

The Board expects its members to work with each other and the Superintendent to ensure that a high-quality education is provided to each student. Each individual Board member shall:

1. Keep learning and achievement for all students as the primary focus
2. Value, support and advocate for public education
3. Recognize and respect differences of perspective and style on the Board and among staff, students, parents and the community
4. Keep confidential matters confidential
5. Participate in professional development and commit the time and energy necessary to be an informed and effective leader
6. Understand the distinctions between Board and staff roles, and refrain from performing management functions that are the responsibility of the Superintendent and staff
7. Understand that authority rests with the Board as a whole and not with individuals

Board members also shall assume collective responsibility for building unity and creating a positive organizational culture. To operate effectively, the Board shall have a unity of purpose and:

1. Keep the district focused on learning and achievement for all students
 2. Communicate a common vision
 3. Operate openly, with trust and integrity
 4. Govern in a dignified and professional manner, treating everyone with civility and respect
 5. Govern within Board-adopted policies and procedures
 6. Take collective responsibility for the Board's performance
 7. Periodically evaluate its own effectiveness
 8. Ensure opportunities for the diverse range of views in the community to inform Board deliberations
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Bylaw 9010: Public Statements

Status: DRAFT

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The Cambrian Governing Board recognizes the responsibility of Board members in their role as community leaders to participate in public discourse on matters of civic or community interest, including those involving the district, and their right to freely express their personal views. However, to ensure communication of a consistent, unified message regarding district issues, Board members are expected to respect the authority of the Board to choose its representatives to communicate its positions and to abide by established protocols.

All public statements authorized to be made on behalf of the Board shall be made by the Board president or, if appropriate, by the Superintendent or other designated representative.

When speaking for the district, the Board encourages its spokespersons to exercise restraint and tact and to communicate the message in a manner that promotes public confidence in the Board's leadership.

Board spokespersons shall not disclose confidential information or information received in closed session except when authorized by a majority of the Board. (Government Code 54963)

When speaking to community groups, members of the public, or the media, individual Board members should recognize that their statements may be perceived as reflecting the views and positions of the Board. Board members have a responsibility to identify personal viewpoints as such and not as the viewpoint of the Board.

In addition, the Board encourages members who participate on social networking sites, blogs, or other discussion or informational sites to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous, and professional manner and to model good behavior for district students and the community. Such electronic communications are subject to the same standards and protocols established for other forms of communication, and the disclosure requirements of the California Public Records Act may likewise apply to them.

Bylaw 9011: Disclosure Of Confidential/Privileged Information

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Cambrian Governing Board recognizes the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of information acquired as part of a Board member's official duties. Confidential/privileged information shall be released only to the extent authorized by law.

Disclosure of Closed Session Information

A Board member shall not disclose confidential information acquired during a closed session to a person not entitled to receive such information, unless a majority of the Board has authorized its disclosure. (Government Code 54963)

Confidential information means a communication made in a closed session that is specifically related to the basis for the Board to meet lawfully in closed session. (Government Code 54963)

The Board shall not take any action against any person for disclosing confidential information, nor shall the disclosure be considered a violation of the law or Board policy, when the person is: (Government Code 54963)

1. Making a confidential inquiry or complaint to a district attorney or grand jury concerning a perceived violation of law, including disclosing facts necessary to establish the illegality or potential illegality of a Board action that has been the subject of deliberation during a closed session
2. Expressing an opinion concerning the propriety or legality of Board action in closed session, including disclosure of the nature and extent of the illegal or potentially illegal action
3. Disclosing information that is not confidential

Other Disclosures

A Board member shall not disclose, for pecuniary gain, confidential information acquired in the course of his/her official duties. Confidential information includes information that is not a public record subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act, information that by law may not be disclosed, or information that may have a material financial effect on the Board member. (Government Code 1098)

Disclosures excepted from this prohibition are those made to law enforcement officials or to the joint legislative audit committee when reporting on improper governmental activities. (Government Code 1098)

Bylaw 9012: Board Member Electronic Communications

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Cambrian Governing Board recognizes that electronic communication is an efficient and convenient way for Board members to communicate and expedite the exchange of information within the district and with members of the public. Board members shall exercise caution so as to ensure that electronic communications are not used as a means for the Board to deliberate outside of an agendaized Board meeting, circumvent the public's right to access records regarding district business, or restrict access to a public forum.

A majority of the Board shall not, outside of an authorized meeting, use a series of electronic communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Government Code 54952.2)

Board members may engage in separate conversations or communications with members of the public on a social media platform to answer questions, provide information, or solicit information regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, as long as a majority of the Board does not use the platform to discuss among themselves any business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. A Board member is prohibited from responding directly to any communication from other Board members regarding matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board or using digital icons (e.g., "likes" or emojis) to express reactions to communications made by other Board members. (Government Code 54952.2)

Whenever a Board member uses a social media platform to communicate with the public about district business or Board activities, the Board member shall not block access to a member of the public based on the viewpoint expressed by that individual.

Board members may use electronic communications to discuss matters that do not pertain to district business, regardless of the number of Board members participating in the discussion.

Board members shall make every effort to ensure that their electronic communications conform to the same standards and protocols established for other forms of communication. A Board member may respond, as appropriate, to an electronic communication received from a member of the community and should make clear that the response does not necessarily reflect the views of the Board as a whole. Any complaint or request for information should be forwarded to the Superintendent in accordance with Board bylaws and protocols so that the issue may receive proper consideration and be handled through the appropriate district process. As appropriate, communication received from the media shall be forwarded to the designated district spokesperson.

To the extent possible, electronic communications regarding any district-related business shall be transmitted through a district-provided device or account. When any such communication is transmitted through a Board member's personal device or account, the Board member shall copy the communication to a district electronic storage device for easy retrieval.

Bylaw 9100: Organization

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

Each year, the Cambrian Governing Board shall hold an annual organizational meeting. In any year in which a regular election of district Board members is conducted, the organizational meeting shall be held within 15 days following the second Friday in December after the regular election. During all other years, the meeting may be held on any date in December, but no later than December 20th. (Education Code 35143)

During any year in which a regular election is conducted, the Board, at the regular meeting held immediately prior to the second Friday in December, shall select the day and time of the organizational meeting. For any other year, the day and time of the organizational meeting shall be selected at the last regular meeting held immediately before the annual meeting. On behalf of the Board, the Superintendent shall notify the County Superintendent of Schools of the day and time selected. Within 15 days prior to the date of the annual meeting, the Superintendent shall notify in writing all Board members and members-elect of the date and time selected for the meeting. (Education Code 35143)

At this meeting the Board shall:

1. Elect a president, vice president and a clerk a from its members
2. Approve a schedule of regular meetings for the year
3. Review Board representatives on various committees or commissions of the district

Election of Officers

The Board shall elect its entire slate of officers each year. The Secretary of the Board is the Superintendent.

The election of Board officers shall be conducted during an open session of the annual organizational meeting.

On an annual basis, the Board shall review and/or consider resources that define and clarify the Board's governance and leadership roles and responsibilities including, but not limited to, governance standards, meeting protocols, Board rules and bylaws, and other Board development materials.

Bylaw 9110: Terms Of Office

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Cambrian Governing Board shall consist of five members whose terms shall be staggered so that as nearly as practicable, one half of the members shall be elected in each year in which the Board's elections are regularly held. (Education Code 35012)

The term of office for Board members elected in regular elections shall be four years, commencing on the second Friday in December following their election. (Education Code 5017)

Board members whose terms have expired shall continue to discharge the duties of office until their successors have qualified by taking the oath of office. (Education Code 5017; Government Code 1302, 1360)

If a regularly scheduled Board election date is changed due to consolidation with a statewide or municipal general election, the term of incumbent Board members shall be extended to align with the next applicable election. (Elections Code 10404.5)

Bylaw 9121: President

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Cambrian Governing Board shall elect a president from among its members to provide leadership on behalf of the governance team and the educational community it serves.

To ensure that Board meetings are conducted in an efficient, transparent, and orderly manner, the president shall:

1. Call such meetings of the Board as they may deem necessary, giving notice as required by law
2. Consult with the Superintendent or designee on the preparation of Board meeting agendas
3. Call the meeting to order at the appointed time and preside over the meeting
4. Announce the business to come before the Board in its proper order
5. Enforce the Board's bylaws related to the conduct of meetings and help ensure compliance with applicable requirements of the Brown Act
6. Recognize persons who desire to speak, and protect the speaker who has the floor from disturbance or interference
7. Facilitate the Board's effective deliberation, ensuring that each Board member has an opportunity to participate in the deliberation and that the discussion remains focused
8. Rule on issues of parliamentary procedure
9. Put motions to a vote, and clearly state the results of the vote

The president shall have the same rights as other members of the Board, including the right to discuss and vote on all matters before the Board.

The president shall perform other duties in accordance with law and Board policy including, but not limited to:

1. Signing all instruments, acts, orders, and resolutions necessary to comply with legal requirements and carry out the will of the Board
2. Working with the Superintendent or designee to ensure that Board members have necessary materials and information
3. Subject to Board approval, appointing and dissolving all committees when directed by a majority of the Board.
4. In conjunction with the Superintendent or designee, representing the district as the Board's spokesperson in communications with the media
5. May lead the Board's advocacy efforts to build support within the local community and at the state and national levels

The president shall participate in the California School Boards Association's Board President's Workshop and other professional development opportunities to enhance his/her leadership skills.

When the president resigns or is absent, the vice president shall perform the president's duties. When both the president and vice president are absent, the clerk shall perform the president's duties.

Bylaw 9122: Secretary

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Cambrian Governing Board shall appoint the Superintendent to serve as secretary to the Board. The secretary to the Board shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate and complete record of all Board proceedings and shall:

1. Prepare, distribute and maintain the Board agenda
 2. Record, distribute and maintain the Board minutes
 3. Maintain Board records and documents
 4. Conduct official correspondence for the Board
 5. As directed by the Board, sign and execute official papers
 6. Perform other duties as assigned by the Board
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Bylaw 9123: Clerk

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Cambrian Governing Board shall elect a clerk from its own membership at the annual organizational meeting. (Education Code 35143)

The duties of the clerk shall be to:

1. Certify or attest to actions taken by the Board when required
 2. Maintain such other records or reports as required by law
 3. Sign documents on behalf of the district as directed by the Board
 4. Serve as presiding officer in the absence of the president and vice president
 5. Perform any other duties assigned by the Board
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Bylaw 9124: Attorney

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Cambrian Governing Board recognizes the complex legal environment in which districts operate, the need to provide legal representation for the district, and the importance of reliable, cost-effective, high-quality legal advice and services.

In order to meet the district's legal needs, the Board may appoint legal counsel and fix and order paid legal counsel's compensation as an employee or as an independent contractor. (Education Code 35041.5)

The Board may enter into independent contractor services agreements with county counsel, law firms, attorneys in private practice, and other public or private legal services entities. (Education Code 35204, 35205; Government Code 26520, 26529)

The Board also supports pursuing collaborative legal efforts with other districts as well as other government agencies as appropriate.

Duties of Legal Counsel

The district's legal counsel may: (Education Code 35041.5)

1. Render legal advice to the Board and the Superintendent or designee
2. Serve the Board and the Superintendent or designee in the preparation and conduct of district litigation and administrative proceedings
3. Render advice on school bond and tax increase measures and prepare the necessary forms for the voting of these measures
4. Perform other administrative duties as assigned by the Board and Superintendent or designee

Retaining Legal Counsel

When the district is seeking legal advice or representation, the Superintendent or designee shall identify prospective attorney(s), firm(s), and/or legal services entity(ies).

The district may, but is not required to, initiate a Request for Proposals to advertise and solicit proposals for legal services. In evaluating the prospective attorney(s), firm(s), and/or entity(ies), the Board and Superintendent may consider the attorney's, firm's, and/or entity's background, experience, and relevant legal reputation; experience advising and representing school districts in California; fees; and experience of attorneys at the firm who will provide legal services.

Any attorney representing the district shall be admitted to practice law in California. (Education Code 35041.5)

The Board and Superintendent shall periodically evaluate the performance of the firm(s) and/or attorney(s); the efficiency and adequacy of advice; the results obtained for the district; the reasonableness of fees; and the responsiveness to and interactions with the Board, administration, and community.

The Board may use such evaluation(s) to determine whether to renew any current agreement(s) for legal services.

The Board may also contract for specialized legal services, as appropriate, when a majority of the Board determines that the unique demands of a particular issue or emergency situation require such representation.

Contacting Legal Counsel

The Board president, or Superintendent or designee, may, at their discretion, confer with district legal counsel subject to any limits or parameters established by the Board. In addition, the Board president, or Superintendent or designee, may contact district legal counsel to provide the Board with legal information or advice when so directed by a majority of the Board.

Individual Board members other than the Board president may not seek advice from district legal counsel on matters of district business unless so authorized by the Superintendent, the Board president, or a majority of the Board.

Bylaw 9130: Board Committees

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Cambrian Governing Board does not find a need for standing committees, since it delegates the administration of the schools to the Superintendent.

Bylaw 9200: Limits Of Board Member Authority

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Cambrian Governing Board recognizes that the Board is the unit of authority over the district and that a Board member has no individual authority. Board members shall hold the education of students above any partisan principle, group interest, or personal interest.

Individual Board members do not have the authority to resolve complaints. Any Board member approached directly by a person with a complaint should refer the complainant to the Superintendent or designee so that the problem may receive proper consideration and be handled through the appropriate district process.

A Board member should be aware of their role as a Board member when interacting with district employees. Because their position as a Board member may inhibit the performance of school personnel, the Board member should inform the Superintendent or designee before volunteering or visiting a school site during school hours.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a copy of the state's open meeting laws (Brown Act) to each Board member and to anyone who is elected to the Board but has not yet assumed office.

Board members and persons elected to the Board who have not yet assumed office are responsible for complying with the requirements of the Brown Act. (Government Code 54952.1)

Bylaw 9220: Governing Board Elections

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

Board Member Qualifications

Any person is eligible to be a member of the Cambrian Governing Board, without further qualifications, if the person is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of California, a resident of Cambrian School District, a registered voter, and not legally disqualified from holding civil office. Any person who has been convicted of a felony involving the giving, accepting, or offering of a bribe, embezzlement or theft of public funds, extortion, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any such crime, under California law or the law of another state, the United States of America, or another country, is not eligible to be a candidate for office or elected as a Board member except when the person has been granted a pardon in accordance with law. (Education Code 35107; Elections Code 20)

A district employee elected to the Board shall resign from district employment before being sworn in or shall have the employment automatically terminated upon being sworn into office. (Education Code 35107)

The Board encourages all candidates to become knowledgeable about the role of board members. The Superintendent or designee shall provide all candidates with information that will enable them to understand the responsibilities and expectations of being a Board member, including information regarding available workshops, seminars, and/or training. The Superintendent or designee shall provide all candidates with the county election official's contact information and general information about school programs, district operations, and Board responsibilities.

Recalling a Board Member

A Board member may be recalled as permitted by Elections Code 11000. Proponents of a recall are required to serve, file, and publish or post a notice of intention to circulate the recall petition and to comply with other applicable law and formalities and county elections official directives. The petition, pursuant to Elections Code 11041, is required to be in the format provided by the Secretary of State and to include an estimate of the cost of conducting the special election, as determined by the county elections official, in consultation with the district.

Within 14 days after the meeting at which the Board receives a certificate of sufficiency of signatures on a recall petition from the county elections official, the Board shall order an election to be held to determine whether the Board member named in the petition shall be recalled. The election shall be held not less than 88, nor more than 125, days after the date that the Board orders the election. However, the election may be conducted within 180 days after the issuance of the Board's order to consolidate the election with a regularly scheduled election.

Recall elections shall be conducted in accordance with Elections Code 11381-11386.

Consolidation of Elections

To reduce costs associated with conducting elections, the Board may consolidate Board elections with the local municipal or statewide primary or general election in accordance with Elections Code 1302.

In addition, if a regularly scheduled Board election held other than on a statewide election date results in a decrease in local voter turnout of 25 percent or more compared to the average local turnout for the previous four statewide general elections, the Board shall take action to consolidate Board elections with statewide elections. (Elections Code 14051, 14052)

In order to consolidate elections based on either circumstance described above, the Board shall adopt a resolution and submit it to the County Board of Supervisors for approval not later than 240 days prior to the date of the currently scheduled district election. (Elections Code 10404.5)

Whenever a regularly scheduled Board election is changed due to consolidation of elections, the terms of office of incumbent Board members shall be extended to align with the next applicable election. (Elections Code 10404.5)

Elections Process and Procedures

Board members may reside anywhere within the district's boundaries and shall be elected by all voters in the district.

To ensure ongoing compliance with the California Voting Rights Acts, the Board may review the district's Board election method to determine whether any modification is necessary due to changes in the district's population or any of its racial, color, or language minority group composition. The review shall be based on the Superintendent or designee's report to the Board after the release of each decennial federal census.

When the district's election method is to be changed, the Board shall hold public hearings in accordance with Elections Code 10100 before adopting a resolution at an open meeting specifying the change(s), and shall, in accordance with Education Code 5019, obtain approval from the county committee on school district organization having jurisdiction over the district.

Any petition for a special election ordered pursuant to Education Code 5091 shall contain the county election official's estimate of the cost of conducting the special election, expressed on a per-student basis. (Education Code 5091)

Campaign Conduct

All candidates, including current Board members running as incumbents, shall abide by local, county, state, and federal requirements regarding campaign donations, funding, and expenditures.

In order to help protect the public's trust in the electoral process as well as the public's confidence in the Board and district, the Board encourages all candidates to sign and adhere to the principles in the Code of Fair Campaign Practices pursuant to Elections Code 20440.

Statement of Qualifications

In order to encourage voters to run for election to the Cambrian Governing Board, the district shall pay a portion of the filing fees towards the cost of printing, handling, translation, mailing, and/or electronically distributing candidate statements files pursuant to Elections Code 13307.

- All candidates shall pay a minimum of \$500 for the filing fees. Candidates' minimum payment of filing fees will be determined by the number of candidates running per election.
 - In an election year where there are two (2) seats vacant, Cambrian School District shall pay a max of \$10,000 towards the cost of printing, handling, translation, mailing, and/or electronically distribution of candidate statements.
 - In an election year where there are three (3) seats vacant, Cambrian School District shall pay a max of \$15,000 towards the cost of printing, handling, translation, mailing, and/or electronically distribution of candidate statements.

On the 125th day prior to the day fixed for the general district election, the Board secretary or designee shall deliver a notice, bearing the secretary's signature and district seal, to the county elections official describing both of the following: (Elections Code 10509)

1. The elective offices of the district to be filled at the general election and which offices, if any, are for the balance of an unexpired term
2. Whether the district or the candidate is to pay for the publication of a statement of qualifications pursuant to Elections Code 13307

Candidate statements shall be limited to no more than 200 words. (Elections Code 13307)

When the elections official allows for the electronic distribution of candidate statements, a candidate for the Board may, in addition to or instead of submitting a candidate statement for inclusion in the mailed voter's pamphlet, prepare and submit a candidate statement for electronic distribution.

Tie Votes in Board Member Elections

Whenever a tie makes it impossible to determine which of two or more candidates has been elected to the Board, the Board shall immediately notify the candidates who received the tie votes of the time and place where the candidates or their representatives should appear before the Board. The Board at that time shall determine the winner by lot. (Education Code 5016)

See the following sample resolutions:

**ORDER OF ELECTION, SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER AND
CONSOLIDATION REQUEST**

WHEREAS, a Biennial District General Election has been ordered to be held on Tuesday, Month Date, Year, in the Cambrian School District for the purpose of electing **two (2) members** for a four (4) year term of the Cambrian Governing Board of Trustees of the District; and:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 3 (commencing with Section 10400) of the Elections Code of the State of California and Section 5342 of the Education Code of the State of California, such election may be either completely or partially consolidated; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5322 of the Education Code of the State of California, this Board must adopt a resolution constituting a "Specifications of the Election Order";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1.

That, pursuant to Section 5322 of the Education Code and Section 10403 of the Elections Code, the Cambrian Governing Board of Trustees of the Cambrian School District calls for an election to be held on **(Month Date, Year)** and requests the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County to completely consolidate the election with the statewide election.

Section 2.

That the Cambrian Governing Board of Trustees of the Cambrian School District requests the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County to hold and conduct the election in the manner prescribed in Section 10418 of the Elections Code of the State of California and to further provide that the Registrar of Voters canvass the returns of the election.

Section 3.

That pursuant to Section 10508 of the Elections Code of the State of California, said officers for the Cambrian School District are to be elected at large;

Section 4.

That pursuant to Sections 10002 and 10520 of the Elections Code and Section 5421 of the Education Code of the State of California, each district involved in a district general election in an affected county shall reimburse the county for the actual costs incurred by the county elections official in conducting the district general election for that district.

Section 5.

That the candidates' statements of qualifications shall be limited to:

- 200 words and,
- That the cost of printing, translating, and distributing said statements shall be borne by the District and the candidates who file such statements as per the following formula:
 - \$500 of the filing fee will be paid by each candidate who runs for a seat on the Cambrian Governing Board; and
 - Cambrian will dedicate \$10,000 of the budgeted election fees to pay equally the difference between the \$500 and the actual Registrar of Voters (ROV) filing fee cost per candidate.
 - If for any reason ALL fees are reimbursed from the ROV, the exact amount of \$500 will be reimbursed to each candidate and the exact portion of the Cambrian's costs will be reimbursed to

Cambrian's election fee budget, and

- o If for any reason Partial fees are reimbursed from the ROV, those fees will be reimbursed to Cambrian up to the amount where the District's costs are fully recovered.
- o The District's total pro rata share of candidates' filing fees shall not exceed \$10,000 and the aforementioned individual filing fee may be appropriately adjusted in order to comply with the \$10,000 cap.

Section 6.

That pursuant to Section 10522 of the Elections Code of the State of California, a current map showing the boundaries of the district and the boundaries of the divisions of the district is herewith submitted.

Section 7.

That pursuant to Section 5304 of the Education Code and Sections 10551 and 15651 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the method of determining the winner or winners in the event of a tie vote shall be by Lot.

Section 8.

That the names of all current Board Members elected at large, length of term, and term end dates, are listed below:

Board Members	Length of Current Term	Term End Date
Board Member A	4 Years	Year
Board Member B	4 Years	Year
Board Member C	4 Years	Year
Board Member D	4 Years	Year
Board Member E	4 Years	Year

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Cambrian School District of Santa Clara County, State of California, on this ?? day of Month Year, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Cambrian School District

Cambrian Governing Board of Trustees
Cambrian School District

ORDER OF ELECTION, SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER AND CONSOLIDATION REQUEST

WHEREAS, a Biennial District General Election has been ordered to be held on Tuesday, Month Date, Year, in the Cambrian School District for the purpose of electing **three (3) members** for a four (4) year term of the Cambrian Governing Board of Trustees of the District; and:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 3 (commencing with Section 10400) of the Elections Code of the State of California and Section 5342 of the Education Code of the State of California, such election may be either completely or partially

consolidated; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5322 of the Education Code of the State of California, this Board must adopt a resolution constituting a "Specifications of the Election Order";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1.

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Section 2.

That the Cambrian Governing Board of Trustees of the Cambrian School District requests the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County to hold and conduct the election in the manner prescribed in Section 10418 of the Elections Code of the State of California and to further provide that the Registrar of Voters canvass the returns of the election.

Section 3.

That pursuant to Section 10508 of the Elections Code of the State of California, said officers for the Cambrian School District are to be elected at large;

Section 4.

That pursuant to Sections 10002 and 10520 of the Elections Code and Section 5421 of the Education Code of the State of California, each district involved in a district general election in an affected county shall reimburse the county for the actual costs incurred by the county elections official in conducting the district general election for that district.

Section 5.

That the candidates' statements of qualifications shall be limited to:

- 200 words and,
- That the cost of printing, translating, and distributing said statements shall be borne by the District and the candidates who file such statements as per the following formula:
 - \$500 of the filing fee will be paid by each candidate who runs for a seat on the Cambrian Governing Board; and
 - Cambrian will dedicate \$15,000 of the budgeted election fees to pay equally the difference between the \$500 and the actual Registrar of Voters (ROV) filing fee cost per candidate.
 - If for any reason ALL fees are reimbursed from the ROV, the exact amount of \$500 will be reimbursed to each candidate and the exact portion of the Cambrian's costs will be reimbursed to Cambrian's election fee budget, and
 - If for any reason Partial fees are reimbursed from the ROV, those fees will be reimbursed to Cambrian up to the amount where the District's costs are fully recovered.
 - The District's total pro rata share of candidates' filing fees shall not exceed \$15,000 and the aforementioned individual filing fee may be appropriately adjusted in order to comply with the \$15,000 cap.

Section 6.

That pursuant to Section 10522 of the Elections Code of the State of California, a current map showing the

boundaries of the district and the boundaries of the divisions of the district is herewith submitted.

Section 7.

That pursuant to Section 5304 of the Education Code and Sections 10551 and 15651 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the method of determining the winner or winners in the event of a tie vote shall be by Lot.

Section 8.

That the names of all current Board Members elected at large, length of term, and term end dates, are listed below:

Board Members	Length of Current Term	Term End Date
Board Member A	4 Years	Year
Board Member B	4 Years	Year
Board Member C	4 Years	Year
Board Member D	4 Years	Year
Board Member E	4 Years	Year

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Cambrian School District of Santa Clara County, State of California, on this ?? day of Month Year, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the
Cambrian School District

Cambrian Governing Board of Trustees
Cambrian School District

Bylaw 9222: Resignation

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

A member of the Cambrian Governing Board who wishes to resign from the Board shall file a written resignation with the County Superintendent of Schools. (Education Code 5090)

The resigning Board member shall also notify the Board and give a copy of their written resignation to the Board secretary.

The resignation shall become effective when filed with the County Superintendent, except when a deferred effective date is specified in the resignation. A Board member may not defer the effective date of their resignation for more than 60 days after they file the resignation with the County Superintendent. (Education Code 5090, 5091)

Once filed, a written resignation, whether specifying a deferred effective date or otherwise, shall be irrevocable. (Education Code 5090)

A Board member who tenders their resignation with a deferred effective date shall, until the effective date of the resignation, continue to exercise all the powers of the office, except that they shall not have the right to vote for their successor in an action taken by the Board to make a provisional appointment. (Education Code 5091, 35178)

A Board member who resigns shall file, within 30 days of leaving office, a revised Statement of Economic Interest/Form 700 covering the period of time between the closing date of the last statement required to be filed and the date they leave office. (Government Code 87302, 87500)

Bylaw 9223: Filling Vacancies

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

Events Causing a Vacancy

A vacancy on the Cambrian Governing Board may arise from any of the following events:

1. The death of an incumbent (Government Code 1770)
2. The adjudication pursuant to a quo warranto proceeding declaring that an incumbent is physically or mentally incapacitated due to disease, illness, or accident and that there is reasonable cause to believe that the incumbent will not be able to perform the duties of the office for the remainder of the term (Government Code 1770)
3. A Board member's resignation (Government Code 1770)

A vacancy resulting from resignation occurs when the written resignation is filed with the County Superintendent of Schools having jurisdiction over the district, except where a deferred effective date is specified in the resignation so filed, in which case the resignation shall become operative on that date. A Board member may not defer an effective date of resignation for more than 60 days after the date the resignation is filed with the County Superintendent. Upon being filed with the County Superintendent, a written resignation, whether specifying a deferred effective date or otherwise, shall be irrevocable. (Education Code 5090, 5091)

4. A Board member's removal from office by recall (Elections Code 11000; Government Code 1770)
5. A Board member's ceasing to be a resident of the district (Government Code 1770)
6. A Board member's absence from the state for more than 60 days, except in the following situations: (Government Code 1064, 1770)
 - a. Upon district business with the approval of the Board
 - b. With the consent of the Board for an additional period not to exceed a total absence of 90 days
 - c. In the case of illness or other urgent necessity, and upon a proper showing thereof, the time limited for absence from the state may be extended by the Board
 - d. For federal military deployment, not to exceed an absence of a total of six months, as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the California National Guard

If the absence of the Board member for this purpose exceeds six months, the Board may approve an additional six-month absence upon a showing that there is a reasonable expectation that the member will return within the second six-month period, and the Board may appoint an interim member to serve during the absence. If two or more members of the Board are absent by reason of these circumstances, and those absences result in the inability to establish a quorum at a regular meeting, the Board may immediately appoint one or more interim members as necessary to enable the Board to conduct business and discharge its responsibilities. The term of an interim member appointed in these circumstances shall not extend beyond the return of the absent Board member or beyond the next regularly scheduled election for that office, whichever occurs first.

7. A Board member's ceasing to discharge the duties of the office for the period of three consecutive months, except when prevented by illness or when absent from the state with the permission required by law (Government Code 1770)
8. A Board member's conviction of a felony or any offense involving a violation of official duties or conviction of a designated crime resulting in a forfeiture of office (Government Code 1770, 3000-3003)
9. A Board member's refusal or neglect to file the required oath within the time prescribed (Government Code 1770)

10. The decision of a competent tribunal declaring void a Board member's election or appointment (Government Code 1770)
11. A Board member's commitment to a hospital or sanitarium as a drug addict, dipsomaniac, inebriate, or stimulant addict by a court of competent jurisdiction, in which case the office shall not be deemed vacant until the order of commitment has become final (Government Code 1770)
12. A "failure to elect" in which no candidate or an insufficient number of candidates have filed to run for a Board seat(s) (Education Code 5090, 5326, 5328)

Timelines for Filling a Vacancy

When a vacancy occurs, the Board shall take the following action, as appropriate:

1. When a vacancy occurs within four months of the end of a Board member's term, the Board shall take no action. (Education Code 5093)
2. When a vacancy occurs from six months to 130 days before a regularly scheduled Board election at which the position is not scheduled to be filled, a special election to fill the position shall be consolidated with the regular election. The person so elected shall take office at the first regularly scheduled Board meeting following the certification of the election and shall serve only until the end of the term of the position which the person was elected to fill. (Education Code 5093)
3. When a vacancy occurs outside of the statutory time windows identified in Items #1 and #2 above, the Board shall, within 60 days of the date of the vacancy or the filing of the member's deferred resignation, either order an election or make a provisional appointment. (Education Code 5091, 5093)

Eligibility

In order to be appointed or elected to fill a vacancy on the Board, a person must meet the eligibility requirements specified in Education Code 35107, as described in BB 9220 - Governing Board Elections.

Provisional Appointments

When authorized by law to make a provisional appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board, the Board shall advertise in the local media to solicit candidate applications or nominations. A committee consisting of less than a quorum of the Board shall ensure that applicants are eligible for Board membership and announce the names of the eligible candidates. The Board shall interview the candidates at a public meeting, accept oral or written public input, and select the provisional appointee by majority vote.

Within 10 days after the appointment is made, the Board shall post notices of the actual vacancy, or the filing of a deferred resignation, and the provisional appointment. The notice shall be published in the local newspaper pursuant to Government Code 6061 and posted in at least three public places within the district. (Education Code 5092)

The notice shall contain: (Education Code 5092)

1. The date of the occurrence of the vacancy or the date of the filing of, and the effective date of, the resignation
2. The full name of the appointee
3. The date of appointment
4. A statement notifying the voters that unless a petition calling for a special election pursuant to Education Code 5091 is filed in the office of the County Superintendent within 30 days of the provisional appointment, it shall become an effective appointment

The person appointed shall hold office until the next regularly scheduled election for district Board members and shall be afforded all the powers and duties of a Board member upon appointment. (Education Code 5091)

If within 30 days of the Board's appointment, registered voters of the district submit a petition for special election which the County Superintendent determines to be legally sufficient, the provisional appointment is terminated, and a special election shall be held in accordance with Education Code 5091 to fill the vacancy.

Appointment Due to Failure to Elect

When a vacancy occurs because no candidate or an insufficient number of candidates have been nominated (i.e., a failure to elect) and a district election will not be held, the Board shall appoint a qualified person to the office. This appointment shall be made at a meeting prior to the day fixed for the election and the appointee shall be seated at the organizational meeting as if elected at the district election. (Education Code 5328)

When an appointment is being made because of a failure to elect, the district shall publish a notice once in a newspaper of general circulation published in the district, or if no such newspaper exists, in a newspaper having general circulation within the district. This notice shall state that the Board intends to make an appointment and shall inform persons of the procedure available for applying for the appointment. (Education Code 5328.5)

The procedure for selecting and interviewing candidates shall be the same as the procedures for "Provisional Appointments," as specified above.

Bylaw 9224: Oath Or Affirmation

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

Prior to entering upon the duties of their office, all Cambrian Governing Board members shall take the oath or affirmation required by law. (California Constitution, Article 20, Section 3; Government Code 1360)

The oath may be administered by the Superintendent, designer, or any other person authorized in Education Code 60.

The executed oath shall be filed with the County Clerk. (Government Code 1363)

Bylaw 9230: Orientation

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Cambrian Governing Board recognizes the importance of providing all newly elected or appointed Board members with support and information to assist them in becoming effective members of the Board. Incoming Board members shall be provided an orientation designed to build their knowledge of the district and an understanding of the responsibilities of their position. Such orientation may include the provision of information, support, and/or training related to Board functions, policies, protocols, and standards of conduct.

Upon their election or appointment, incoming Board members shall be provided a copy of the Brown Act and informed that, pursuant to Government Code 54952.1, they must conform to the Act's requirements as if they had already assumed office. Additional information for incoming Board members may include, but is not limited to, Board bylaws related to the limits of individual Board member authority, the conduct of Board meetings, and other Board operations; governance standards for ethical conduct; legal requirements related to conflict of interest and prohibited political activity; protocols for speaking with district staff, members of the public, and the media; and publications on effective governance practices.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall provide incoming Board members with specific background information regarding the district, including, but not limited to, the district's vision and goals statements, local control and accountability plan and other comprehensive plans, student demographic data, student achievement data, district policy manual, district budget, and minutes of recent open Board meetings.

The Superintendent or designee may offer incoming Board members a tour of district schools and facilities, and may introduce them to district and school site administrators and other staff.

Incoming members are encouraged, at district expense and with approval of the Board, to attend the California School Boards Association's Orientation for New Trustees, Institute for New and First-Term Board Members, and workshops and conferences relevant to the needs of the individual member, the Board as a whole, or the district.

Bylaw 9240: Board Training

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Cambrian Governing Board believes that the Board's ability to effectively and responsibly govern the district is essential to promoting student achievement, building positive community relations, and protecting the public interest in district schools. Board members shall be provided sufficient opportunities for professional development that helps them understand their responsibilities, stay abreast of new developments in education, and develop boardmanship skills.

The Board and/or the Superintendent or designee shall provide an orientation to newly elected or appointed Board members which includes comprehensive information regarding Board roles, policies, and procedures and the district's vision and goals, operations, and current challenges. Throughout their first term, Board members shall continue to participate in additional educational opportunities designed to assist them in understanding the principles of effective governance, including, but not limited to, information on school finance and budgets, student achievement and assessment, labor relations, community relations, program evaluation, open meeting laws (the Brown Act), conflict of interest laws, and other topics necessary to govern effectively and in compliance with law.

All Board members are encouraged to continuously participate in advanced training offered by the California School Boards Association in order to reinforce boardmanship skills and build knowledge related to key education issues. Such activities may include online courses, webinars, webcasts, and in-person attendance at workshops and conferences. In addition, workshops and consultations may be held within the district on issues that involve the entire governance team.

Funds for board training shall be budgeted annually for the Board and each Board member. In selecting appropriate activities, the Board and/or individual Board members shall consider activities that are aligned with the district's vision and goals and the needs of the Board or individual member to obtain specific knowledge and skills.

Board members may attend a conference or similar public gathering with other Board members and/or with the Superintendent or designee in order to develop common knowledge and understanding of an issue or engage in team-building exercises. In such cases, a majority of the Board members shall not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the district's jurisdiction, so as not to violate the Brown Act open meeting laws pursuant to Government Code 54952.2.

Board members shall report to the Board, orally or in writing, on the board training activities they attend, for the purpose of sharing the acquired knowledge or skills with the full Board and enlarging the benefit of the activity to the Board and district.

Bylaw 9250: Remuneration, Reimbursement And Other Benefits

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

Compensation

The members of the Cambrian Governing Board view their Board service as a voluntary contribution to the community and elect not to receive the compensation to which they are entitled pursuant to Education Code 35120.

Reimbursement of Expenses

Board members shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred when performing authorized services for the district. Expenses for travel, business meals, or other authorized purposes shall be in accordance with policies established for district personnel and at the same rate of reimbursement.

Board members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred when performing services directed by the Board. (Education Code 35044)

Authorized purposes may include, but are not limited to, attendance at educational seminars or conferences designed to improve Board members' skills and knowledge; participation in regional, state, or national organizations whose activities affect the district's interests; attendance at district or community events; and meetings with state or federal officials on issues of community concern.

Personal expenses shall be the responsibility of individual Board members. Personal expenses include, but are not limited to, the personal portion of any trip, , alcohol, entertainment, laundry, expenses of any family member who is accompanying the Board member on district-related business, personal use of an automobile, and personal losses and traffic violation fees incurred while on district business.

Any questions regarding the propriety of a particular type of expense should be resolved by the Superintendent or designee before the expense is incurred.

Health and Welfare Benefits for Current Board Members

Board members may participate in the health and welfare benefits program provided for district employees.

Health and welfare benefits for Board members shall be no greater than that received by the district's employees with the most generous schedule of benefits. (Government Code 53208.5)

The district shall pay the premiums required for Board members electing to participate in the district health and welfare benefits program to the same extent that it pays for district employees.

Health and Welfare Benefits for Former Board Members

Former Board members may participate in the health and welfare benefits program provided for district employees under the conditions specified below.

Health and welfare benefits for former Board members shall be no greater than those received by district employees with the most generous schedule of benefits. (Government Code 53208.5)

Any other former Board member who served at least one term may participate in the health and welfare benefits program at their own expense if coverage is in effect at the time they leave office. (Government Code 53201)

Any former Board member leaving the Board after at least one term of office may participate in the health and welfare benefits program at their own expense if coverage is in effect at the time of retirement. (Government Code 53201)

Health and welfare benefits provided to a former Board member shall be extended, at their expense and at the same level, to their spouse/registered domestic partner and eligible dependent children as specified in law and the health plan.

Other Benefits

Members of the Board shall be provided the option to participate in the District's Supplemental Retirement Plan for which the District contributes \$80 per month. This shall continue for as long as the individual remains a member of the board.

Bylaw 9260: Legal Protection

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

Liability Insurance

The Cambrian Governing Board shall provide insurance necessary to protect Board members and employees while acting within the scope of their office or employment in accordance with Education Code 35208.

Protection Against Liability

No Board member shall be liable for harm caused by their act or omission when acting within the scope of district responsibilities. The act or omission must be in conformity with federal, state and local laws and made in furtherance of an effort to control, discipline, expel or suspend a student, or maintain order or control in the classroom or school. (20 USC 6736)

The protection against liability shall not apply when: (20 USC 6736)

1. The Board member acted with willful or criminal misconduct, gross negligence, recklessness, or a conscious, flagrant indifference to the harmed person's right to safety.
 2. The Board member caused harm by operating a motor vehicle.
 3. The Board member was not properly licensed, if required, by the State for such activities.
 4. The Board member was found by a court to have violated a federal or state civil rights law.
 5. The Board member was under the influence of alcohol or any drug at the time of the misconduct.
 6. The misconduct constituted a crime of violence pursuant to 18 USC 16 or an act of terrorism for which the Board member has been convicted in a court.
 7. The misconduct involved a sexual offense for which the Board member has been convicted in a court.
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Bylaw 9310: Board Policies

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Cambrian Governing Board shall adopt written policies to convey its expectations for actions that will be taken in the district, clarify roles and responsibilities of the Board and Superintendent, and communicate Board philosophy and positions to students, staff, parents/guardians, and the community.

The Board shall ensure that district policies align with the district's vision and goals, promote student learning and achievement, provide for consistent and fair treatment of students and staff, and proactively address equity and the provision of equal access to opportunities for all students.

The Board recognizes the importance of maintaining a policy manual that is up to date and reflects the mandates of law. Board policies are binding on the district to the extent that they do not conflict with federal or state law and are consistent with the district's collective bargaining agreements. No Board policy, bylaw, or administrative regulation, or any portion thereof, shall be operative if it is found to be in conflict with applicable federal or state law or regulations or court decisions. If any portion of a policy is found to be invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions of the policy.

Policies shall be regularly reviewed at a time allocated for this purpose on the agenda of public Board meetings.

The Board shall review certain policies annually, as required by Education Code 35160.5. If no revisions are deemed necessary, the Board minutes shall nevertheless indicate that the review was conducted. Other policies shall be monitored and reviewed as specified in the policy itself or as needed to reflect changes in law or district circumstances.

Policy Development and Adoption Process

The district's policy development process shall include the following basic steps:

1. The Board and/or Superintendent or designee shall identify the need for a new policy or revision of an existing policy. The need may arise from a change in law, a new district vision statement, new goals in the local control and accountability plan, educational research or trends, an incident that has arisen in the district, or a recommendation or request from staff, a parent/guardian, or other interested person.
2. As needed, the Superintendent or designee shall gather fiscal data, staff and public input, related district policies, sample policies from the California School Boards Association or other organizations or agencies, and other useful information and data to fully inform the Board about a particular issue.
3. The Board may hold discussions during a public Board meeting to gain an understanding of the issue and provide initial direction to the Superintendent or designee. The discussion may include, but not be limited to, community expectations, staff recommendations, and the expected impact of the policy on student learning and well-being, equity, governance, and the district's fiscal resources and operational efficiency.
4. The Board or Superintendent may request that legal counsel review the draft policy as appropriate.
5. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and present a draft policy for a first reading at a public Board meeting. At its second reading, the Board may take action on the proposed policy. The Board may waive the second reading or may require an additional reading if necessary.

Only policies formally adopted by a majority vote of the Board shall constitute official Board policy.

The district's policy development process may be revised or expanded as needed based on the issue being considered, the need for more information, or the desire to provide greater opportunities for consultation and public input.

Policies shall become effective upon Board adoption or at a future date if so designated by the Board at the time of adoption.

Board Bylaws

The Board shall prescribe and enforce rules for its own governance consistent with state law and regulations. (Education Code 35010)

Bylaws governing Board operations may be developed, adopted, and amended following the same procedures as those used for the adoption or amendment of Board policy.

Administrative Regulations

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for developing and enforcing administrative regulations for the operation of the district. Administrative regulations shall be consistent with law and Board policy and shall be designed to promote the achievement of district goals and objectives. Administrative regulations may describe specific actions to be taken, roles and responsibilities of staff, timelines, and/or other provisions. The Superintendent or designee may also develop procedures manuals, handbooks, or other guides to carry out the intent of Board policy.

When Board policies are amended, the Superintendent or designee shall review corresponding administrative regulations to ensure that they conform to the intent of the revised policy. In case of conflict between administrative regulation and Board policy, policy shall prevail.

The Board may review and/or approve administrative regulations for the purpose of ensuring conformity with the intent of Board policy.

Monitoring and Evaluation

At any time, the Board and Superintendent or designee may determine that progress reports to the Board on the implementation and/or effectiveness of the policy should be scheduled. If so, the Board and Superintendent or designee shall agree upon a timeline and, as applicable, measures for evaluating the effectiveness of the policy in achieving its purpose.

Access to Policies

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district employees and the public have access to an up-to-date district policy manual. The policy manual shall be maintained electronically and/or by paper copy.

As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall notify staff, parents/guardians, students, and other educational partners whenever a policy is adopted or revised.

Bylaw 9320: Meetings And Notices

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

Meetings of the Cambrian Governing Board are conducted for the purpose of accomplishing district business. In accordance with applicable open meeting laws (Brown Act), the Board shall hold its meetings in public and shall conduct closed sessions during such meetings only as authorized by law. To encourage community involvement in the schools, Board meetings shall provide the opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Board. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with law and the Board's bylaws, policies, and administrative regulations.

A Board meeting exists whenever a majority of Board members gather at the same time and location, including teleconference location as permitted by Government Code 54953, to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action upon any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Government Code 54952.2)

In accordance with law and as specified in Board Bylaw 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications, a majority of the Board shall not, outside of an authorized meeting, use a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, including social media and other electronic communications, to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Government Code 54952.2)

However, the Superintendent or designee may engage in separate conversations or communications with Board members in order to answer questions or provide information regarding an item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, as long as that employee or district official does not communicate the comments or position of any Board members to other Board members. (Government Code 54952.2)

In order to help ensure the participation of individuals with disabilities at Board meetings, the Superintendent or designee shall provide appropriate disability-related accommodations or modifications upon request in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any doubt about a request for accommodation shall be resolved in favor of accessibility. Notice of the procedure for receiving and resolving such requests for accommodation shall be given in each instance in which notice of the time of a meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted. (Government Code 54953, 54953.2, 54954.1, 54954.2)

Regular Meetings

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the Board shall hold two regular meeting(s) each month starting at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month at Cambrian School District Office Professional Development Center 4115 Jacksol Drive, San Jose, CA 95124.

At least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting, the agenda shall be posted at one or more locations freely accessible to members of the public and on the district's website. (Government Code 54954.2)

Consistent with Government Code 54957.5 and Board Bylaw 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials, whenever agenda materials relating to an open session of a regular meeting are distributed to the Board less than 72 hours before the meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall make the materials available for public inspection at a public office or location designated for that purpose. The records shall be posted on the district website at the time the materials are distributed to all or a majority of the Board if distributed outside of business hours.

Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the presiding officer or a majority of the Board members on any topic within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board unless otherwise prohibited by law or as specified in BB 9323.2 - Actions by the Board. (Government Code 54956)

At least 24 hours before the time of the meeting, written notice of special meetings shall be delivered personally or by any other means to all Board members and the local media who have requested such notice in writing. The notice also shall be posted on the district's website, and, at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting, in a location freely accessible to the public. The notice shall specify the time and location of the meeting and the business to be transacted or discussed. No other business shall be considered at this meeting. (Education Code 35144; Government Code 54956)

Any Board member may waive the 24-hour written notice requirement prior to the time of the meeting by filing a

written waiver of notice with the clerk or secretary of the Board or by being present at the meeting at the time it convenes. (Education Code 35144; Government Code 54956)

Every notice of a special meeting shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Board concerning any item that has been described in the meeting notice, before or during the item's consideration. (Government Code 54954.3)

Emergency Meetings

In the case of an emergency situation for which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public facilities, the Board may hold an emergency meeting without complying with the 24-hour notice and/or 24-hour posting requirement for special meetings pursuant to Government Code 54956. (Government Code 54956.5)

The Board may meet in closed session during emergency meetings so long as two-thirds of the members present at the meeting agree or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, by unanimous vote of the members present. (Government Code 54956.5)

The Board shall comply with all other requirements for special meetings during an emergency meeting. (Government Code 54956.5)

Except in the case of a dire emergency, the Board president or designee shall give notice of the emergency meeting by telephone at least one hour before the meeting to the local media that have requested notice of special meetings. All telephone numbers provided by the media in the most recent request for notification shall be exhausted. If telephone services are not functioning, the notice requirement of one hour is waived and, as soon after the meeting as possible, the Board shall notify those media representatives of the meeting and shall describe the purpose of the meeting and any action taken by the Board. In the case of a dire emergency, the Board president or designee shall give such notice at or near the time notification is given to the other members of the Board. (Government Code 54956.5)

The minutes of the meeting, a list of persons the Board president or designee notified or attempted to notify, a copy of the roll call vote, and any actions taken at the meeting shall be posted for at least 10 days in a public place as soon after the meeting as possible. (Government Code 54956.5)

An *emergency* means a work stoppage, crippling activity, or other activity that severely impairs public health and/or safety as determined by a majority of the members of the Board. (Government Code 54956.5)

A *dire emergency* means a crippling disaster, mass destruction, terrorist act, or threatened terrorist activity that poses peril so immediate and significant that requiring the Board to provide one-hour notice before holding an emergency meeting may endanger the public health and/or safety as determined by a majority of the members of the Board. (Government Code 54956.5)

Adjourned/Continued Meetings

The Board may adjourn/continue any regular or special meeting to a later time and location that shall be specified in the order of adjournment. Less than a quorum of the Board may adjourn/continue such a meeting. If no Board members are present, the secretary or the clerk may declare the meeting adjourned/continued to a later time and location and shall give notice in the same manner required for special meetings. (Government Code 54955)

Within 24 hours after the time of adjournment/continuance, a copy of the order or notice of adjournment/continuance shall be conspicuously posted on or near the door of the location where the meeting was held. (Government Code 54955)

Study Sessions, Retreats, Public Forums, and Discussion Meetings

The Board may convene a study session or public forum to study an issue in more detail or to receive information from staff or feedback from members of the public. The Board may also convene a retreat or discussion meeting to discuss Board roles and relationships. Any such meeting, regardless of title or topic, shall be held as a regular or special meeting, as appropriate, and shall comply with all other requirements for regular or special meetings. (Government Code 54956)

Other Gatherings

Attendance by a majority of Board members at any of the following events is not subject to the Brown Act provided that a majority of the Board members do not discuss specific district business among themselves other than as part of the scheduled program: (Government Code 54952.2)

1. A conference or similar public gathering open to the public that involves a discussion of issues of general interest to the public or to school board members
2. An open, publicized meeting organized by a person or organization other than the district to address a topic of local community concern
3. An open and noticed meeting of another body of the district
4. An open and noticed meeting of a legislative body of another local agency
5. A purely social or ceremonial occasion
6. An open and noticed meeting of a standing committee of the Board established pursuant to Board Bylaw 9130 - Board Committees, provided that the Board members who are not members of the standing committee attend only as observers

Individual contacts or conversations between a Board member and any other person that are not part of a series of communications prohibited by the Brown Act are permitted. (Government Code 54952.2)

Location of Meetings

Unless the Board is holding a teleconference meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, all meetings shall be held within district boundaries, except to do any of the following: (Government Code 54954)

1. Comply with state or federal law or court order or attend a judicial or administrative proceeding to which the district is a party
2. Inspect real or personal property which cannot conveniently be brought into the district, provided that the topic of the meeting is limited to items directly related to the property
3. Participate in meetings or discussions of multiagency significance, provided these meetings are held within one of the other agencies' boundaries, with all participating agencies giving the notice required by law
4. Meet in the closest meeting facility if the district has no meeting facility within its boundaries or if its principal office is located outside the district
5. Meet with elected or appointed state or federal officials when a local meeting would be impractical, solely to discuss legislative or regulatory issues affecting the district over which the state or federal officials have jurisdiction
6. Meet in or near a facility owned by the district but located outside the district, provided the meeting agenda is limited to items directly related to that facility
7. Visit the office of the district's legal counsel for a closed session on pending litigation, when doing so would reduce legal fees or costs
8. Attend conferences on nonadversarial collective bargaining techniques
9. Interview residents of another district regarding the Board's potential employment of an applicant for Superintendent of the district
10. Interview a potential employee from another district

All meetings, regardless of location, shall comply with the applicable notice and open meeting requirements. Additionally, no such meeting may be held in a facility that prohibits the admittance of any person on the basis of ancestry or any characteristic listed in Government Code 11135, which is inaccessible to individuals with disabilities,

or where members of the public must make a payment or purchase in order to be admitted. (Government Code 54961)

If a fire, flood, earthquake, or other emergency renders the posted regular or special meeting location unsafe and the deadline for posting the location has passed, the meeting shall be held at a location designated by the Board president or designee, who shall so inform all news media who have requested notice of meetings pursuant to Government Code 54956 by the most rapid available means of communication.

Traditional Teleconferencing

A Board member may participate in any meeting by teleconference, which includes both audio or video/audio so long as the following conditions are met: (Government Code 54953)

1. All votes taken during the meeting are by rollcall
2. The meeting is conducted in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency
3. The location of the Board member participating by teleconference is open and accessible to the public during the meeting, except during closed session, such that members of the public may observe in person the Board member participating by teleconference, may hear/listen to the meeting to the same extent as the Board member participating by teleconference, and may make public comment during the same portion of the agenda as others members of the public from the same location as the Board member participating by teleconference
4. The location of the Board member participating by teleconference is noted in the agenda and the agenda is posted at the location of the Board member participating by teleconference in advance of the meeting as statutorily required based on the type of meeting
5. At least a quorum of the members is within the district boundaries.

Teleconferencing by Individual Board Member Due to Just Cause

Until January 1, 2026, when there is "just cause" preventing a Board member from attending a Board meeting in person, that Board member may participate in that meeting by teleconference without: (Government Code 54953)

1. Including the location of the Board member participating by teleconference in the agenda
2. Making the location of the Board member participating by teleconference open and accessible to the public
3. Posting the agenda at the location of the Board member participating by teleconference

A Board member needing to participate by teleconference for just cause shall notify the Board at the earliest possible opportunity, including at the start of a regular meeting, of the need to do so and include a general description of the circumstances relating to the need to appear by teleconference at the given meeting. (Government Code 54953)

For the Board member to participate by teleconference under this section, all of the following are required: (Government Code 54953)

1. All votes taken during the meeting are by rollcall
2. At least a quorum of the Board participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda
3. The Board member participating by teleconference utilizes both audio and visual technology to participate in the meeting
4. The Board member participating by teleconference publicly discloses, before any action is taken, whether any individual 18 years of age or older is present at the Board member's location and the general nature of the member's relationship with each such individual

5. The public is able to access the meeting via a two-way audiovisual platform or a two-way audio service and a live webcast, with real-time public comment being allowed via the platform or service, in addition to public comment being available in person

The platform or service may require members of the public to register in order to make public comments so long as the platform or service is not controlled by the district

6. The agenda for the meeting includes information describing how members of the public can access the platform or service

If the platform or service is disrupted such that the public cannot access the meeting or give real-time public comment, the meeting may continue but the Board may not take action on any agenda item until the disruption is resolved. (Government Code 54953)

A Board member shall be permitted to participate by teleconference for just cause for no more than two meetings per calendar year. (Government Code 54953)

For purposes of this section, "just cause" may exist for any of the following: (Government Code 54953)

1. A childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires a Board member to participate remotely
2. A contagious illness prevents a Board member from attending in person
3. A Board member has a need related to a physical or mental disability not otherwise reasonably accommodated
4. A Board member is traveling while on official business of the Board or another state or local agency

Teleconferencing by Individual Board Member Due to Emergency Circumstances

Until January 1, 2026, when a physical or family medical emergency would prevent a Board member from attending a Board meeting in person, that Board member may request to participate in such meeting by teleconference. The Board member requesting to appear remotely shall submit the request as soon as possible and include a concise general description of the emergency that necessitated the request. The Board member shall not be required to disclose any disability, medical diagnosis, or personal medical information exempt under existing law. (Government Code 54953)

If the request is received timely, it shall be added to the agenda as the first item of business at the meeting, even before any closed session items. If the request is not received timely, it shall be taken up by the Board before the first item of business at the meeting. The request shall only be granted upon a vote by the majority of the Board. (Government Code 54953, 54954.2)

If the request is granted by the Board, the Board member may participate by teleconference without: (Government Code 54953)

1. Including the location of the Board member participating by teleconference in the agenda
2. Making the location of the Board member participating by teleconference open and accessible to the public
3. Posting the agenda at the location of the Board member participating by teleconference

For the Board member to participate by teleconference due to emergency circumstances, all of the following are required: (Government Code 54953)

1. All votes taken during the meeting are by rollcall
2. At least a quorum of the Board participates in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda
3. The Board member participating by teleconference utilizes both audio and visual technology to participate in the meeting

4. The Board member participating by teleconference publicly discloses, before any action is taken, whether any individual 18 years of age or older is present at the Board member's location and the general nature of the member's relationship with each such individual
5. The public is able to access the meeting via a two-way audiovisual platform or a two-way audio service and a live webcast, with real-time public comment being allowed via the platform or service, in addition to public comment being available in person

The platform or service may require members of the public to register in order to make public comments so long as the platform or service is not controlled by the district

6. The agenda for the meeting includes information describing how members of the public can access the platform or service

If the platform or service is disrupted such that the public cannot access the meeting or give real-time public comment, the meeting may continue but the Board shall not take action on any agenda item until the disruption is resolved. (Government Code 54953)

In total, a Board member may not participate by teleconference due to emergency circumstances alone, or together with teleconference due to just cause, as specified above, for more than 20 percent of the Board's regular meetings or for more than three consecutive months. If the Board meets less than 10 times in a calendar year, a Board member may not appear remotely due to emergency circumstances for more than two meetings. (Government Code 54953)

Teleconference Meetings During a Proclaimed State of Emergency

The Board may conduct a Board meeting entirely by teleconference during a proclaimed state of emergency pursuant to Government Code 8625-8629 in any of the following circumstances: (Government Code 54953)

1. For the purpose of determining whether meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees due to the emergency
2. When the Board has been determined, pursuant to Item #1 above, that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees due to the emergency

The Board may hold a meeting by teleconference during a proclaimed state of emergency without: (Government Code 54953):

1. Including the location of Board members in the agenda
2. Making the locations of Board members open and accessible to the public
3. Posting the agenda at the locations of Board members

For the Board to hold such meeting, all of the following are required: (Government Code 54953)

1. All votes taken during the meeting are by rollcall
2. The public is able to access the meeting via a call-in service or an internet-based platform or service, with real-time public comment being allowed via the platform or service

If an internet-based platform or service is utilized, it may require members of the public to register in order to make public comments so long as the platform or service is not controlled by the district

3. The agenda for the meeting includes information describing how members of the public can access the platform or service

If the platform or service is disrupted such that the public cannot access the meeting or give real-time public comment, the meeting may continue but the Board may not take action on any agenda item until the disruption is resolved. (Government Code 54953)

For any public comment period with a time limit, the Board may not close that public comment period or the opportunity to register until the full time for public comment has elapsed. For any other public comment period, the

Board shall allow a reasonable amount of time to allow members of the public to provide public comment and to register to do so. (Government Code 54953)

The Board may continue to conduct all meetings by teleconference throughout one or more 45-day periods so long as, prior to the beginning of each 45-day period, the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determines that it continues to directly impact the ability of the Board to meet safely in person. (Government Code 54953)

Bylaw 9321: Closed Session

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Cambrian Governing Board is committed to complying with state open meeting laws and modeling transparency in its conduct of district business. The Board shall hold a closed session during a regular, special, or emergency meeting only for purposes authorized by law.

Each agenda shall contain a general description of each closed session item to be discussed at the meeting as required by law and provided in the accompanying Exhibit (1). (Education Code 35145, Government Code 54954.2, 54954.5, 54957)

In the open session preceding the closed session, the Board shall disclose the items to be discussed in closed session as specified in this bylaw. The Board may either state the information on the agenda or refer the public to the item(s) as listed by number or letter on the agenda. In the closed session, the Board may consider only those items covered in its statement. (Government Code 54957, 54957.7)

After the closed session, the Board shall reconvene in open session before adjourning the meeting and, when applicable, shall publicly disclose any actions taken in the closed session, the votes or abstentions thereon, and other disclosures as specified in this bylaw. Such reports may be made in writing or orally at the location announced in the agenda for the closed session as required by law and provided in the accompanying Exhibit (2). (Education Code 32281; Government Code 54957.1, 54957.7)

When an action taken during a closed session involves final approval or adoption of a document, such as a contract or settlement agreement, that becomes public upon such approval or adoption, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a copy of the document to any person present at the conclusion of the closed session who submitted a written request. If the action taken results in one or more substantive amendments, the Superintendent or designee shall make the document available the next business day or when the necessary changes to the document are completed. Whenever copies of an approved agreement will not be immediately released due to an amendment, the Board president shall orally summarize the substance of the amendment for those present at the end of the closed session. (Government Code 54957.1)

Confidentiality

A Board member shall not disclose confidential information received in closed session unless the Board authorizes the disclosure of that information or the information has been publicly reported by the District. (Government Code 54963)

The Board shall not disclose any information that is protected by state or federal law. In addition, no victim or alleged victim of tortious sexual conduct or child abuse shall be identified in any Board agenda, notice, announcement, or report required by the Brown Act, unless the identity of the person has previously been publicly disclosed. (Government Code 54957.7, 54961)

Personnel Matters: Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, or Discipline/Dismissal/Release

The Board may hold a closed session under the "personnel exception" to consider the appointment, employment, performance evaluation, discipline, dismissal, or change in employment status of an employee. Such a closed session shall not include discussion or action on proposed compensation except for a reduction of compensation that results from the imposition of discipline. (Government Code 54957, 54957.1)

Personnel Matters: Specific Complaints or Charges

The Board may hold a closed session to hear complaints or charges brought against an employee, unless the employee who is the subject of the complaint requests an open session. Before the Board holds a closed session on specific complaints or charges brought against an employee, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the employee receives written notice of the right to have the complaints or charges heard in open session. This notice shall be delivered personally or by mail at least 24 hours before the time of the closed session. (Government Code 54957)

Personnel Matters: Application for Early Withdraw of Funds in Deferred Compensation Plan

The Board may hold a closed session to discuss an employee's application for early withdrawal of funds in a deferred compensation plan when the application is based on financial hardship arising from an unforeseeable emergency due to illness, accident, casualty, or other extraordinary event, as specified in the deferred compensation plan. (Government Code 54957.10)

Negotiations/Collective Bargaining

The Board may meet in closed session to review the Board's position and/or instruct its designated representative(s) regarding salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of its represented and unrepresented employees, and, for represented employees, any other matter within the statutorily provided scope of representation. A closed session regarding salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits may include discussions of the district's available funds and funding priorities, but only insofar as they relate to providing instructions to the Board's designated representative. Final action on the proposed compensation of one or more unrepresented employees shall not be taken in closed session. (Government Code 54957.6)

The Board also may meet in closed session with a state conciliator who has intervened in proceedings regarding any of the purposes enumerated in Government Code 54957.6.

Pursuant to Government Code 54957.1, approval in closed session of an agreement regarding labor negotiations with represented employees pursuant to Government Code 54957.6 shall be reported after the agreement is final and has been accepted or ratified by the other party. However, the Board may, at its sole discretion, vote on such an agreement in open session. (Government Code 54957.1)

Pursuant to Government Code 3549.1, the Board may, without following the requirements of the Brown Act, meet in closed session exclusively for the purpose of discussing its position regarding any matter within the scope of representation or for the purpose of instructing its designated representatives. The Board shall not discuss any other item at any such closed session. (Government Code 3549.1)

Matters Related to Students

If a public hearing would lead to the disclosure of confidential student information such as grades or discipline information, the Board shall meet in closed session to consider a suspension, disciplinary action, any other action against a student except expulsion, or a challenge to a student record. At least 72 hours prior to the start of the meeting of which the closed session is a part, the Superintendent or designee, on behalf of the Board, shall, in writing, by registered or certified mail or by personal service, notify the student and the student's parent/guardian of the intent of the Board to hear the item in closed session. If a written request for open session is received from the student or the student's parents/guardians within 48 hours of receiving the notice, the meeting shall be public, except that any discussion at that meeting which may be in conflict with the right to privacy of any other student shall remain in closed session. (Education Code 35146, 48912, 49070)

If the Board conducts an expulsion hearing pursuant to Board Policy 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process, the Board shall do so in closed session unless the student submits a written request at least five days before the date of the hearing that the hearing be held in open session. Regardless of whether the expulsion hearing is conducted in open or closed session, the Board shall meet in closed session for the purpose of deliberating and determining whether the student should be expelled. (Education Code 48918)

In order to protect student privacy rights provided in 20 USC 1232g or other applicable laws, the identity of a student shall not be listed in the agenda and, unless the item is heard in open session, shall not be included in any report after closed session. Additionally, a student matter shall be listed in the open session portion of the agenda with the same description and numbering system as it was on the closed session portion of the agenda.

Security Matters

The Board may meet in closed session with the Governor, Attorney General, District Attorney, district legal counsel, sheriff or chief of police, or their respective deputies, or a security consultant or a security operations manager, on matters posing a threat to the security of public buildings; to the security of essential public services, including water, drinking water, wastewater treatment, natural gas service, and electric service; or to the public's right of access to public services or public facilities. Such discussions may be held in closed session during an emergency meeting called pursuant to Board Bylaw 9320 - Meetings and Notices and Board Bylaw/Exhibit (1) 9323.2 - Actions By The Board.

The Board may also meet in closed session to consult with law enforcement officials on the development of a plan

for tactical responses to criminal incidents and to approve the plan. (Education Code 32281)

Real Property Negotiations

The Board may meet in closed session with its real property negotiator prior to the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property by or for the district in order to grant its negotiator authority regarding the price and terms of payment for the property. (Government Code 54956.8)

Anticipated Litigation/Initiation of Litigation

Based on the advice of its legal counsel, the Board may hold a closed session to confer with or receive advice from its legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation or whether to initiate litigation when discussion of either matter in open session would prejudice the district's position with respect to such litigation. For this purpose, "litigation" means any adjudicatory proceeding, including eminent domain, before a court, administrative body exercising its adjudicatory authority, hearing officer, or arbitrator. (Government Code 54956.9)

Litigation is considered to be "anticipated" when, in the Board's opinion based on the advice of its legal counsel regarding the existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the district or against a district officer or employee based on prior or prospective activities or alleged activities during and potentially during the course and scope of that office or employment. (Government Code 54956.9)

Existing facts and circumstances are limited to the following: (Government Code 54956.9)

1. Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation against the district but which the district believes are not yet known to potential plaintiff(s)
2. Facts and circumstances including, but not limited to, an accident, disaster, incident, or transactional occurrence which might result in litigation against the district, which are already known to potential plaintiff(s)
3. The receipt of a claim pursuant to the Government Claims Act or a written threat of litigation from a potential plaintiff
4. A threat of litigation made by a person in an open meeting on a specific matter within the responsibility of the Board
5. A threat of litigation made by a person outside of an open meeting on a specific matter within the responsibility of the Board, provided that the district official or employee receiving knowledge of the threat made a record of the statement before the meeting

Each agenda item related to anticipated litigation shall only contain one such matter. For an anticipated litigation item that is anticipated based on Items #2, #3, or #5 above, the agenda item shall also include the facts or circumstances that might result in litigation, the claim or written threat of litigation, or the record of the threat. However, the agenda item shall not identify the alleged victim of unlawful or tortious sexual conduct or anyone making the threat on the alleged victim's behalf, or identify a public employee who is the alleged perpetrator of any unlawful or tortious conduct upon which a threat of litigation is based, unless the identity of the person has been publicly disclosed. (Government Code 54956.9)

Existing Litigation

Based on the advice of its legal counsel, the Board may hold a closed session to confer with or receive advice from its legal counsel regarding existing litigation when discussion of the matter in open session would prejudice the district's position with respect to such litigation. Litigation is considered to be "existing" when the district has been named a party to the litigation or a district officer or employee has been named a party to the litigation based on prior or prospective activities or alleged activities during the course and scope of that office or employment, including litigation in which involves whether an activity is outside the course and scope of the office or employment. For this purpose, "litigation" means any adjudicatory proceeding, including eminent domain, before a court, administrative body exercising its adjudicatory authority, hearing officer, or arbitrator. (Government Code 54956.9)

Tort, Public, or Workers' Compensation Liability

The Board may meet in closed session to discuss a claim for the payment of tort liability losses, public liability losses,

or workers' compensation liability incurred by a joint powers agency (JPA) formed for the purpose of insurance pooling or self-insurance authority of which the district is a member. (Government Code 54956.95)

Joint Powers Agency Issues

When the board of the JPA has so authorized and upon advice of district legal counsel, the Board may meet in closed session in order to receive, discuss, and take action concerning information that has direct financial or liability implications for the district and that was obtained in a closed session of a JPA of which the district is a member. During the Board's closed session, a Board member serving on the JPA board may disclose confidential information acquired during a closed session of the JPA to fellow Board members. (Government Code 54956.96))

Review of Audit Report from California State Auditor's Office

Upon receipt of a confidential final draft audit report from the California State Auditor's Office and before the report has been made public, the Board may meet in closed session to discuss its response to that report. After public release of the report from the California State Auditor's Office, any Board meeting to discuss the report shall be conducted in open session, unless exempted from that requirement by some other provision of law. (Government Code 54956.75)

Review of Assessment Instruments

The Board may meet in closed session to review the contents of any student assessment instrument approved or adopted for the statewide testing system. Before any such meeting, the Board shall agree by resolution to accept any terms or conditions established by the State Board of Education for this review. (Education Code 60617)

Bylaw 9322: Agenda/Meeting Materials

Status: DRAFT

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Agenda Content

Cambrian Governing Board meeting agendas shall reflect the district's vision and goals and the Board's focus on student learning and well-being.

Each agenda shall state the meeting time and location and shall briefly describe each item to be transacted or discussed, including items to be discussed in closed session. (Government Code 54954.2)

The agenda shall provide members of the public the opportunity to address the Board on any agenda item before or during the Board's consideration of the item. The agenda for a regular meeting shall also provide members of the public an opportunity to address the Board regarding matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board which are not on the agenda. (Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54954.3)

The agenda does not need to provide an opportunity for public comment on an item that has previously been considered at an open meeting by a committee comprised exclusively of Board members, provided that members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on the item, before or during the committee's consideration of the item, and the item has not been substantially changed since the committee considered it. (Government Code 54954.3)

The notice and agenda shall describe the means available for the public to access the meeting and provide public comment in-person and, if a Board member is appearing remotely due to an emergency circumstance or for just cause pursuant to Government Code 54953, through an internet-based service or call-in option. (Government Code 54953)

The agenda shall include information regarding how, when, and to whom a request for disability-related accommodations or modifications, including auxiliary aids and services, may be made by an individual who requires accommodations or modifications in order to participate in the Board meeting, as well as the procedure for receiving and resolving such requests as required by law. (Government Code 54954.2, 54953)

Each agenda for a regular meeting shall list the address designated by the Superintendent or designee for public inspection of documents related to an open session item, or for records of a statement threatening litigation against the district to be discussed in closed session, when such documents have been distributed to the Board less than 72 hours before the meeting. (Government Code 54956.9, 54957.5)

Each agenda shall include a statement regarding the option for students and parents/guardians to request that directory information or personal information of the student or parent/guardian, as defined in Education Code 49061 and/or 49073.2, be excluded from the minutes. The agenda shall also state that the request must be made in writing to the secretary or clerk of the Board.

Agenda Preparation

The Board president and the Superintendent, as secretary to the Board, shall work together to develop the agenda for each regular and special meeting.

Any Board member or member of the public may request that a matter within the jurisdiction of the Board be placed on the agenda of a regular meeting. The request shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent or designee with supporting documents and information.

The Board president and Superintendent shall decide whether a request from a member of the public is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Items not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board may not be placed on the agenda. In addition, before placing the item on the agenda, the Board president and Superintendent shall determine if the item is merely a request for information, and if so, respond accordingly.

If the Board president and Superintendent deny a request from a Board member to place an item on the agenda, the Board member may request the Board take action during a Board meeting to determine whether the item shall be placed on the agenda.

The Board president and Superintendent shall also decide whether an agenda item is appropriate for discussion in open or closed session, whether the item should be an action item subject to Board vote or an information item, and when the item is placed on the agenda.

In order to promote efficient meetings, the Board may bundle a number of items and act upon them together by a single vote through the use of a consent agenda. Consent items shall be items of a routine nature and items for which Board discussion is not anticipated and for which the Superintendent recommends approval. When any Board member requests the removal of an item from the consent agenda, the item shall be removed and given individual consideration for action as a separate agenda item.

The agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to comment on any consent agenda item unless such item has been previously considered at an open meeting of a committee comprised exclusively of Board members. (Government Code 54954.3)

Any Board action that involves borrowing \$100,000 or more shall be discussed, considered, and deliberated upon as a separate item of business on the meeting agenda. (Government Code 53635.7)

All public communications with the Board are subject to requirements of relevant Board policies and administrative regulations.

Agenda Dissemination to Board Members

At least 72 hours before each regular meeting, each Board member shall be provided a copy of the agenda and agenda packet, including the Superintendent or designee's report; minutes to be approved; copies of communications; reports from committees, staff, and others; and other available supporting documents pertinent to the meeting.

When special meetings are called, Board members shall receive, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, notice of the business to be transacted. (Government Code 54956)

Board members shall review agenda materials before each meeting. Individual members may confer directly with the Superintendent or designee to ask questions and/or request additional information on agenda items. However, a majority of Board members shall not, outside of a noticed meeting, directly or through intermediaries or electronic means discuss, deliberate, or take action on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

Agenda Dissemination to Members of the Public

Agenda and related materials distributed to the Board shall be made available to the public upon request without delay. However, only those documents which are disclosable public records under the Public Records Act (PRA) and which relate to an agenda item scheduled for the open session portion of a regular meeting or which contain a claim or written threat of litigation which will be discussed in closed session shall be made available to the public. (Government Code 54956.9, 54957.5)

At least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting, the agenda shall be posted at one or more locations freely accessible to members of the public. (Government Code 54954.2)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall post the agenda on the homepage of the district website. The posted agenda shall be accessible through a prominent direct link to the current agenda or to the district's agenda management platform in accordance with Government Code 54954.2. When the district utilizes an integrated agenda management platform, the link to that platform shall take the user directly to the website with the district's agendas, and the current agenda shall be the first available. (Government Code 54954.2)

If a writing which relates to an open session agenda item or which contains a claim or written threat of litigation which will be discussed in closed session during a regular Board meeting is distributed to the Board less than 72 hours prior to a meeting, the Superintendent or designee shall make the writing available for public inspection at a designated location at the same time the document is distributed to all or a majority of the Board. However, if the writing is distributed to at least a majority of the Board at a time when the designated location is closed to the public, this requirement may be satisfied by posting the writing on the district website if the following conditions are met: (Government Code 54957.5)

1. An initial staff report or similar document containing an executive summary and any staff recommendations related to the agenda item is made available for public inspection at the designated location at least 72 hours

before the meeting

2. The writing is immediately posted on the district's website in a position and manner that makes it clear that the writing relates to an agenda item for the upcoming meeting
3. The district lists the website address where such writings may be accessed on all Board meeting agendas
4. A physical copy of the document is made available for public inspection at the designated location at the beginning of the next regular business hours, but not less than 24 hours before the relevant Board meeting

The Superintendent or designee shall mail a copy of the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet to any person who requests the items. The materials shall be mailed at the time the agenda is posted or upon distribution of the agenda to a majority of the Board, whichever occurs first. (Government Code 54954.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall email a copy of, or a website link to, the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet to any person who requests such items to be delivered by email. If the Superintendent or designee determines that it is technologically infeasible to do so, a copy of the agenda or a website link to the agenda and a copy of all other documents constituting the agenda packet shall be sent to the person who has made the request in accordance with mailing requirements specified in law. (Government Code 54954.1)

Any request for mailed copies of agendas or agenda packets shall be in writing and shall be valid for the calendar year in which it is filed. Written requests must be renewed following January 1 of each year. (Government Code 54954.1)

Persons requesting mailing of the agenda or agenda packet shall pay an annual fee, as determined by the Superintendent or designee, not to exceed the cost of providing the service.

Any document prepared by the district or Board and distributed during a public meeting shall be made available for public inspection at the meeting. Any document prepared by another person shall be made available for public inspection after the meeting. These requirements shall not apply to a document that is exempt from public disclosure under the PRA. (Government Code 54957.5)

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall make the agenda, agenda packet, and/or any writings distributed at the meeting available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. (Government Code 54954.1)

Bylaw 9323.2: Actions By The Board

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Cambrian Governing Board shall act by a majority vote of all of the membership constituting the Board, unless otherwise required by law. (Education Code 35164, 35165)

An "action" by the Board means: (Government Code 54952.6)

1. A collective decision by a majority of the Board members

The Board shall not take action by secret ballot, whether preliminary or final. (Government Code 54953)

Actions taken by the Board in open session shall be recorded in the Board minutes. (Education Code 35145)

Action on Non-Agenda Items

The Board may take action on a subject not appearing on the posted meeting agenda only after publicly identifying the item and if any one of the following conditions are met: (Government Code 54954.2)

1. When a majority of the Board determines that an emergency situation exists, as defined for emergency meetings pursuant to Government Code 54956.5
2. When two-thirds of the members present, or if less than two-thirds of the members are present then by a unanimous vote of all members present, determine that the need to take immediate action came to the district's attention after the agenda was posted
3. When an item appeared on the agenda of, and was continued from, a meeting that occurred not more than five days earlier
4. Until December 31, 2025, when a Board member requests to participate by teleconference due to emergency circumstances pursuant to Government Code 54953 so long as the timing of the request did not allow for sufficient time to place it on the agenda

Challenging Board Actions

Before seeking to file a civil action to stop or prevent a Brown Act violation or to invalidate a prior action taken by the Board, the district attorney's office or interested person shall first present a demand to "cure and correct" the alleged violation to the district. If the district receives a proper demand from the district attorney's office or any interested person to "cure and correct" an alleged violation of the Brown Act, the Board shall consult with legal counsel on if and how to respond as provided by law. (Government Code 54960-54960.5)

Bylaw 9324: Minutes And Recordings

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Cambrian Governing Board recognizes that maintaining accurate minutes of Board meetings helps foster public trust in Board governance and provides a record of Board actions for use by district staff and the public.

The secretary of the Board or designee shall keep minutes and record all official Board actions. The Board's minutes shall be public records and shall be made available to the public upon request. (Education Code 35145, 35163)

The minutes of Board meetings shall include, but not be limited to:

1. A notation of which Board members are present, in person or by teleconference, and whether a member is not present for part of the meeting due to late arrival and/or early departure
2. A brief summary of the Board's discussion on each agenda topic, rather than a verbatim record of each Board member's specific points of view during the discussion
3. A summary of the public comments made on agendized items and unagendized topics
4. The specific language of each motion and the names of the Board members who made and seconded the motion
5. Any action taken by the Board, and the vote or abstention on that action of each Board member present (Education Code 35145; Government Code 54953)

Upon request by a student's parent/guardian, or by the student if age 18 or older, the minutes shall not include the student's or parent/guardian's address, telephone number, date of birth, or email address, or the student's name or other directory information as defined in Education Code 49061. The request to exclude such information shall be made in writing to the secretary or clerk of the Board. (Education Code 49073.2)

The Board agenda shall include a statement of the option and process for students and parents/guardians to request that such information be excluded from the minutes.

The Superintendent or designee shall distribute a copy of the "unapproved" minutes of the previous meeting(s) with the agenda at a meeting within two months of the held meeting. The Board shall approve the minutes as circulated or with necessary amendments.

Upon approval by the Board, the minutes shall be signed by the Secretary of the Board.

Official Board minutes and recordings shall be stored in a secure location and shall be retained in accordance with law.

Any minutes or recordings kept for Board meetings held in closed session shall be kept separately from the minutes or recordings of regular and special meetings. Minutes or recordings of closed sessions are not public records. (Government Code 54957.2)

Recording or Broadcasting of Meetings

The district may tape, film, stream, or broadcast any open Board meeting. A sign will be posted for potentially recorded meetings that a recording or broadcasting is being made at the direction of the Board and that the recording or broadcast may capture images and sounds of those attending the meeting. As practicable, the recorder or camera shall be placed in plain view of meeting participants.

Any district recording may be erased or destroyed 30 days after the meeting. Recordings made at the direction of the Board during a meeting are public records and, upon request, shall be made available for inspection by members of the public on district equipment without charge. (Government Code 54953.5)

Bylaw 9400: Board Self-Evaluation

Status: DRAFT

Original Adopted Date: Pending

The Cambrian Governing Board may annually conduct a self-evaluation in order to demonstrate accountability to the community and ensure that district governance effectively supports student achievement and the attainment of the district's vision and goals.

The evaluation may address any area of Board responsibility, including, but not limited to, Board performance in relation to vision setting, curriculum, personnel, finance, policy development, collective bargaining, community relations, and advocacy. The evaluation may also address objectives related to Board meeting operations, relationships among Board members, relationship with the Superintendent, understanding of Board and Superintendent roles and responsibilities, communication skills, or other governance or boardsmanship skills.

The Board shall evaluate itself as a whole. Individual Board members are also expected to use the evaluation process as an opportunity to assess and set goals for their own personal performance.

Each year, the Board, with assistance from the Superintendent, shall determine an evaluation method or instrument that measures key components of board responsibility and previously identified performance objectives. Visual and/or audio recordings of a Board meeting may only be used as an evaluation tool when consent is given by all Board members.

Any discussion involving the Board's self-evaluation shall be conducted in open session.

At the request of the Board, a facilitator may be used to assist with the evaluation process. The Board may invite the Superintendent or other individual(s) with pertinent information to provide input into the evaluation process.

Following the evaluation, the Board shall set goals, define and/or refine protocols, and establish priorities and objectives for the following year's evaluation. The Board shall also develop strategies for strengthening Board performance based on identified areas of need, including, but not limited to, Board trainings such as those offered by the California School Boards Association.
