

Note: This policy is *legally required*. Revised to add Ed Code Section 72036 for Trustee Area Elections. **REVISED – GCCCD Policy**

BP 2100 Board Member Elections

Reference: ***Education Code Sections 5000, et seq. ~~and~~ Section 5016 and 72036; California Voting Rights Act of 2001 and Election Code Section 13307***

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[CCLC template language, except italicized language]

[Note: The Board may change from at large elections of trustees to elections by trustee areas, in accordance with Education Code section 72036 and the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 14025) of Division 14 of the Elections Code), upon the adoption by the board of trustees of a resolution in support of the change and upon the approval of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges]

Each Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (GCCCD) trustee shall be elected by ~~seat~~ trustee-area elections, beginning with the June 2012 Primary. The term of office of each trustee shall be four years, commencing on the first Friday in December following the general election in November. Elections shall be held every two years, in even numbered years. Terms of trustees are staggered so that, as nearly as practical, one half of the trustees shall be elected at each trustee election.

The Governing Board is required to establish election regulation procedures in case of a tie vote (Education Code § 5016) and procedures to determine costs and length of candidates' statements (Election Code § 13307). The GCCCD Governing Board has established the following regulations for Board Member elections:

- a. Tie Vote: In case of a tie vote, the Governing Board will determine the winner(s) by lot.
- b. Cost of Candidate Statement: Candidate will pay all charges.
- c. Length of Candidate Statement: Each candidate statement is limited to a 200-word maximum.

The Board of Trustees has provided for the election of trustees by trustee areas. A map of the District, or trustee areas, can be located on the District's website. Effective December 2011, the trustee areas are:

Area District 1 – Santee, Winter Gardens and Lakeside

Area District 2 – La Mesa, Mt. Helix, Casa de Oro and Rancho San Diego

Area District 3 – El Cajon

Area District 4 – Rural East County, including Alpine and most of Jamul, all the way to the Imperial County line

Area District 5 – Lemon Grove, La Presa, Rancho San Diego, Spring Valley and a small portion of Jamul

The election of a board member residing in and registered to vote in the trustee area he or she seeks to represent, shall be only by the registered voters of the same trustee area.s, instead of being elected district-wide.

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

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