

Davis Joint Unified School District

Board of Education Meetings - What to Expect

Board of Education Trustees

DJUSD is governed by a five-member Board of Trustees. Each Trustee is locally elected by voters in their respective trustee area and serves a four-year term.



Lea Darrah - President
Area 2



Joe DiNunzio
Area 3



Hiram Jackson
Area 1



Elizabeth Moon
Area 4



Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald
Area 5

What role does the Board play?

The role of the Board is 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, and works with the Superintendent to fulfill its major responsibilities, which include:

- Setting the direction for the District through a process that involves the community, families, students and staff and is focused on student learning and achievement
- Establishing an effective and efficient organizational structure for the District
- Providing support to the Superintendent and staff as they carry out the Board's direction
- Ensuring accountability to the public for the performance of the District's schools
- 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 fulfills these responsibilities as a governing body. No one member has the authority to make decisions for the entire Board.

How can community members participate in Board meetings or contact the Board?

Our Board strongly believes in family and community participation and encourages you to share your opinion on any item on the agenda or within the Board's jurisdiction.

- You may attend a Board meeting in person.
- You may watch a Board meeting livestreamed online.
- You can make a public comment at any board meeting
- You may email the Board at boe@djUSD.net

How can I make a public comment?

The public's voice in the operation of DJUSD is heard first through our five elected Board Trustees. Topics not specifically listed on the agenda may be addressed by the public **in person**, during the public comment period, which is included in each regular meeting.

Board of Education Meetings - 2023-24

The Board welcomes participation in its regular meetings, which are held the first and third Thursday of each month. Board meetings are located in the City of Davis Community Chambers, located at the City of Davis Offices at 23 Russell Boulevard.

Public session generally begins at 6:30 p.m. Meeting dates and times may periodically change and special meetings may be added throughout the year.

All Board meetings may be viewed via livestream at www.djUSD.tv

Meeting Dates

- August 3 and 17
- September 7 and 21
- October 5 and 19
- November 2 and 16
- December 7 and 21
- January 18
- February 1 and 15
- March 7 and 21
- April 4 and 18
- May 2, 16 and 30
- June 20

Can the Board respond to public comment?

Per the Brown Act, a Board meeting is not a meeting of the public, but rather a formal business meeting of the Board to conduct the District's business on agenda items. The public has the right to observe the meeting and to provide public comment. However, the law does not allow the Board to take action or to discuss any item not explicitly posted on the agenda.

What are the different kinds of Board meetings?

Regular Meeting

Normal, scheduled business meetings of the Board

- The agenda must be posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.
- The public is allowed to address the Board, but the Board may set time limits.

Special Meeting

Called before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, usually to meet time deadlines

- The agenda must be posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- Only items on the agenda may be considered.
- The public is allowed to address the Board, but only concerning items on the agenda.

Emergency Meeting

In the case of work stoppage or crippling disaster

- A one-hour notice must be given by phone to local media.
- Only items listed on the agenda may be considered.
- Minutes should be taken and must be posted in public within 10 days.

What is a Closed Session on an agenda?

Closed Sessions are confidentially held with the Board and any designated individuals or legal counsel. The Board is presented with updates on negotiations with labor unions and offers directions to the lead negotiator. The Board may also interview employees for appointment, discipline or release. Any action taken in a Closed Session must be reported to the public.

Where can I find the Board meeting agendas?

Agendas for all Board meetings can be found on our District and school websites, located at the bottom of each website or at www.djUSD.net/boe. You may also scan the QR code to the right to navigate to the agendas.



How else can I share my views with the Board?

Please email boe@djUSD.net.