Vacancies on the Governing Board may be caused by any of the events specified in Government Code Section 1770 or any applicable provision in the Elections Code, or by a failure to elect. Resignations from the Governing Board shall be governed by Education Code Section 5090.

Within 60 days of the vacancy or filing of a deferred resignation, the Governing Board shall either order an election or make a provisional appointment to fill the vacancy.

If an election is ordered, it shall be held on the next regular election date not less than 130 days after the occurrence of the vacancy.

If a provisional appointment is made, it shall be subject to the conditions in Education Code Section 5091. The person appointed to the position shall hold office only until the next regularly scheduled election for Governing Board members, when the election shall be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The provisional appointment will be made by a majority public vote of the Governing Board members at a public meeting.

The Governing Board will work with the Superintendent/President to solicit applications that assure ample publicity to and information for prospective candidates. The Governing Board will determine the schedule and appointment process, which may include interviews at a public meeting.

Vacancies shall be declared and filled according to applicable state laws and regulations.

References: Education Code Sections 5090 et seq.; Government Code Section 1770

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