

Yosemite Community College District Policies and Administrative Procedures

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## 2720 Communications Among Board Members

A majority of the members of the Governing Board shall not, outside a regularly scheduled meeting, use a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate, reach a collective concurrence, or take action on any item of business that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

This policy shall not be construed as preventing an employee or official of the District from engaging in separate conversations or communications with members of the Board outside of a meeting in order to answer questions or provide information regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, as long as that person does not communicate to members of the Board the comments or position of any other member or members of the Board. All communications among the Board Members shall be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.)

This policy shall also not be construed as preventing a member of the Governing Board from engaging in 19 separate conversations or communications on an internet-based social media platform to answer 20 questions, provide information to the public, or to solicit information from the public regarding a matter 21 22 that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. In doing so, a majority of the members of the Board may not use the internet-based social media to discuss among themselves business of a specific 23 nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. However, a member of the Board shall 24 25 not respond directly to any communication on an internet-based social media platform regarding a matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board that another member of the Board has made, 26 27 posted, or shared.

## 29 References:

- 30 Government Code Sections <u>54950 et seq.</u> and <u>54952.2</u>
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