

COUNTY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE ORIENTATION

For County Boards by County Boards

AGENDA

- ❖ **Welcome & Purpose** 5 mins
- ❖ **Icebreaker** 7 mins
- ❖ **ACCBE Accomplishments** 10 mins
- ❖ **CBR Expectations** 20 mins
- ❖ **ACCBE Goals** 10 mins
- ❖ **Questions / Clarifications** 5 mins
- ❖ **Other Ways to Get Involved** 5 mins
- ❖ **Closing Remarks & Next Steps** 10 mins

ICEBREAKER – WHO'S HERE?

Round Robin Share: Join us on camera and unmute yourself to respond to the following prompts:

- Name - Please add your County to your Zoom name
- County, Term of Service
- Name a skills or strengths you bring to this group (e.g. problem solving, flexibility, strategic, fundraising, marketing etc.)
- A hobby you have (e.g. Running, writing etc.)
- One issue you're passionate about (e.g. 4th Grade literacy)

ACCBE: BY COUNTY BOARDS FOR COUNTY BOARDS

Mission: ACCBE empowers County Board Members to be confident advocates for all students.

Vision: ACCBE, as the leading voice for California's County Boards of Education, improves outcomes for students and communities.

ACCBE KEY GOALS



Advocate & Amplify: ACCBE is solely dedicated to develop and advocate on legislative and policy issues for county boards of education, ensuring a unified and strong voice representing the unique interest of County Boards on issues impacting County Offices of Education.



Partnerships for Success: ACCBE is committed to building a strong partnership with the California Superintendents Association, and coalitions with other allied groups to leverage resources and expertise in support of student success.



Engage, Elevate, & Empower: ACCBE builds leadership capacity within County Boards, fostering collaboration and peer support.



Forward-Looking: ACCBE focuses on innovation solutions to address the evolving challenges/changes in education.

ACCBE'S 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In eight months ACCBE has...

Recruited 35 County Boards of Education to join as County Board Members. Represent more than 75% of students in the state

Brought in Experts to provide learning and solution panels: Future of Education, Apprenticeships, Teacher Pipeline, Literacy early screener and Dyslexia, CPS reforms to strengthen Families

Facilitated 12 engagements for county board trustees related to effective governance: Starting strong, BTE and Quarterly Board Gatherings, Held Strategic Summit

Established relationships with 120+ County Board Trustees across the state. Trained 17 ACCBE Board Reps

Launched Advocacy Committee, sent support letters for four bills Hosted two Leg Forums. Delivered ACCBE introduction letters to all Legislators

Formalized partnerships with fellow advocates: Small School Districts Association and California County Superintendents.

COUNTY BOARD REPRESENTATIVES – EXPECTATIONS

County Board Representatives

Talent pool to serves as regional conduit for ACCBE and act as an internal county board advocate. They will receive targeted engagement and outreach to request their support or action.

Confirmed Commitments / Expectations:

- One representative per member county
- Read ACCBE communications and share updates at county board meetings, personally invite members to attend, attend yourself
- Gather feedback from your County Board and share with ACCBE

Optional Expectations

- Attend ACCBE events or Board of Directors meetings
- Join an ACCBE committee : advocacy, program planning, membership outreach and engagement
- Recruit volunteers for one of our committees
- Volunteer skills or talents for a special project
- Attend an annual end of year reflection meeting to help ACCBE improve its services and membership benefits

What questions/excitements or concerns might you have?

WHAT'S IN IT FOR COUNTY BOARD REPS?

Purpose: Two-way relationship to improve County Board Rep effectiveness as a county board trustee by serving as a conduit for ACCBE and as your internal board advocate. County Board Reps will receive targeted communications from ACCBE requesting action or support of the County Boards.

Help ACCBE mature into a powerful, recognized organization that focuses on needs of County Boards of Education and the students we serve

Meet subject matter experts and policy leaders who are impacting education in California. Meet peers across the state who can be resources to you.

Elevate your professional profile with visible volunteer experiences.

Become or nurture the next cohort of ACCBE Leaders and Board of Director members.

MASTER CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Engagements Scheduled
Proposed
Partner

AUG	SEP	OCT
ACCBE BoD Meeting 8/4 ACCBE Strategy Summit 8/16 – 17 Build. Trustee Excellence 8/25 (Supt Salary)	ACCBE BoD Meeting 9/8 Quarterly Gathering 9/22 (Effective Governance)	Build. Trustee Excellence 10/9 (CCS Overview and base knowledge) ACCBE BoD Meeting 10/13 CCS Deep Dive pt. 2 , 10/30 Effective Practices Student Board Representatives Networking – Oct 4 th
NOV	DEC	JAN
Build. Trustee Excellence 11/3 (Charter) ACCBE BoD Meeting 11/10 CCS Deep Dive pt. 3 11/17- Student and Advocates voice Special Topics: Brown Act (Lunch 12-1) 11/13 RAPSAs Conference 11/3-5	ACCBE BoD Meeting 12/15	Quarterly Gathering Early (Reflection & Anniversary) Special Topics: Who's Who in State Ed BTE: Networking & Learning for Board Pres. BTE Special Ed for CBOE's/Dyslexia Special topics: Small and Rural counties Focus
FEB	MAR	APR
Student Board Representatives networking Special Topics: Mental Health Pt I (combined with SEL) BTE Charter schools Special Topics: Literacy Special topics: Small and Rural Counties Focus	Building Trustee Excellence (LCAP) Special Topics: Civic Education Special topics: Court and Community School Deep Dive SSSA Conference 3/7-10	Student Board Representatives networking Special Topics: Mental Health Pt 2: Anxious Generation Stanislaus Co Supt (social media/cellphones) BTE: TBD Special Topics: Court and Community School Deep Dive
MAY	JUN	JUL

Quarterly County Board Gathering "Effective Governance Practices for CBOEs"

Retreats | Board Self Assessments | Board Calendars
Monday, September 22, 2025 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM

- ✓ Learn from peers, experts and sector leaders
- ✓ Network and build relationships with colleagues across CBOEs
- ✓ Share resources and best practices

Presenter
Shelton Yip
Trustee, Yolo CBOE



Presenter
Chelsea Bonini
Trustee, San Mateo CBOE



Presenter
Juliana Feriani
Board Member Emeritus, Tuolumne CBOE



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OPEN TO ALL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES!



Opportunities for networking with peers!

ACCBE Special Topic Workshop CBOE Student Board Representative Learning and Networking

Saturday, October 4, 2025
10:00 - 11:30 PM

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Join current and former CBOE Student Board Representatives and their elected adult allies to discuss:

- The value and impact of student voice on CBOE's
- The Role of student board representatives
- How to make the student board representative experience meaningful and impactful for both students and adult trustees



This workshop is FREE for BOTH CBOE Student board representatives and their elected adult allies



COE Court & Community Schools Deep Dive

Session 1: Thursday, October 9, 2025 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Court & Community School Overview

Presented by Probation Officers Association, Office of Youth and Community Restoration and JCCASAC

Session 2: Thursday, October 30, 2025 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Spotlighting Effective CCS Practices and Programs Impacting Student Success:
San Diego, Imperial, Monterey (tentative), and Tuolumne (tentative)

Session 3: Monday, November 17, 2025 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Hearing from Youth and Advocates
What works and what changes could improve student outcomes.



ACCBE Special Topic Workshop

Navigating the Brown Act for CBOES

Learn about open meeting laws and other responsibilities for County Board of Education Trustees under the Brown Act.

When: Thursday, November 13, 2025 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Who: ACCBE and Edwards Stevens, & Tucker LLP

What: Presentation followed by Q&A on Brown Act

Where: ZOOM



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COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY OVERVIEW

Week 1

Planned Communications

Building Trustee Readiness Guide

Communication targeting newly elected county board trustees

Content & Messaging Strategy

Provide recaps from most recent workshops and share resources with recipients

Recruit members to mentoring and coaching program

Promote next workshop in Advancing Trustee Excellence Series

Week 2

Planned Communications

ACCBE Monthly Newsletter

Broad, general updates on ACCBE for all audiences

Content & Messaging Strategy

Recap engagements from previous 30 days

Provide updates on ACCBE's accomplishments and strategy

Issue calls to action around relevant issues

Promote all confirmed engagements 30 days out

Week 3

Planned Communications

ACCBE Advocacy Report

Targeted report about ACCBE's advocacy work and collaboration with partners (SSDA, CCS)

Content & Messaging Strategy

Provide updates on ACCBE's advocacy accomplishments and legislative strategy

Share ACCBE's position on priority bills and issue calls to action

Update on collaboration with SSDA and CCS

Promote all confirmed advocacy engagements

Week 4

Planned Communications

Future of Education Newsletter

Newsletter imagining the future of education

Content & Messaging Strategy

Share research or articles relevant to pressing issues in California's education system

Document bright ideas and best practices from county boards and offices

Promote all confirmed engagements 30 days out

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Purpose: Two-way relationship to improve County Board Rep effectiveness as a county board trustee by serving as a conduit for ACCBE and as your internal board advocate. County Board Reps will receive targeted communications from ACCBE requesting action or support of the County Boards.

Advocacy Committee (Advocates / Salesman)	Planning Committee (SMRs/Mavens)	Membership Committee (Connectors)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Acts as an advisory committee of the ACCBE Board of Directors to develop annual advocacy agenda. ● Monitors and analyze relevant legislation and policies to recommend positions to the board. ● Supports legislative engagement and stakeholder education through communication and coalition building. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supports ACCBE board by Advising on ACCBE programs/events strategy. ● Evaluates programs to determine areas for improvement or updates. ● Identifies topics or issues to cover in BTE, Special Topics, quarterly gatherings ● Acts as subject matter experts on variety of topics and skills for county boards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Serves the ACCBE Board of Directors and Leadership Team as community builders and connectors. ● Establishes relationships with colleagues within their region. ● Helps cascade communications and conduct outreach to peers. ● Provides coaching and mentoring upon request.

Support our Strategic Summit Key Goals

The ACCBE Board approved further development of a bold strategic roadmap through 2027, including:



Innovation: Launch a digital Resource Library to spotlight effective practices and innovations



Leadership: Deliver targeted training and development for trustees including plans for an ACCBE in-person conference and regional meetings



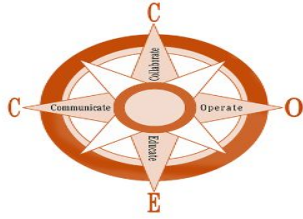
Advocacy: Champion legislation to better fund COEs to serve our at promise population, address funding disparities, and continue engaging members to develop an ACCBE advocacy platform



Partnerships: Expand formal partnerships from one to eight by 2027 through the new ACCBE Partnership and Expertise Network (PEN)



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Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher, Superintendent



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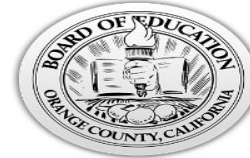
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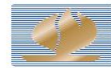


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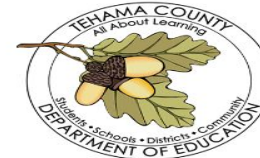


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COUNTY BOARD REPRESENTATIVES REFLECTION/NEXT STEPS

Next Steps

What resonated with you?

What questions do you have?

How can you promote ACCBE events, mission, engagement in ACCBE to your board?

How can ACCBE support you so you can best serve as a County Board Rep?

What should this orientation include for future sessions?

CBR Orientation Plan

Activity	Facilitator / Moderator	Description	Min
Welcome & Purpose	Bina Lefkovitz Deborah Maus	Bina welcomes the Reps, reminds of ACCBE goals then covers the purpose of orientation	5
Icebreaker	Debbie	Get to Know Your Colleagues – 3...2...1.. Round Robin Share: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • County, Term of Service • Three skills or strengths you bring to this group • Two activities or hobbies you have • One issue you're passionate about 	
ACCBE Accomplishments	Bina	Review key accomplishments over the past 6 months	
CBR Expectations	Bina	Review expectations as a liaison- stay abreast of ACCBE activities and goals (read our emails re events, read newsletters, attend events if possible), monthly share ACCBE update to your board, help promote events, provide feedback to the ACCBE from your members: sometimes we will send a survey)	
ACCBE Goals	Bina & Debbie	Share goals for first year of programming and key metrics we're tracking. Review master calendar for events and engagement and gather feedback / input. Conduct strategic planning session for in person engagements.	
Questions / Clarifications	Bina	Clarify any open questions or misunderstandings	
Other Ways to Get Involved	Debbie	Review the committees that they can join now : Advocacy & Planning & Programs, forecast Membership committee. Ask whether they would like to attend the Strategic Planning Roundtable	