# Lewis Center for Educational Research

**BP 9150: BYLAWS**
**STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

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In order to enhance communication and collaboration between the LCER Board of Directors ("Board") and the student body and to teach students the importance of civic involvement, the Board supports the participation of high school students in governance.

The Board believes that engaging the student body and seeking its input and feedback regarding LCER's educational programs and activities are vital to achieving LCER's mission to "ensure student success in a global society through data driven and research-based schools and programs that are safe, innovative and culturally inclusive."

To enhance communication between the Board and the student body and to encourage student involvement in LCER governance, the Board will include at least one student Board member from each of its schools to be selected in accordance with procedures approved by the Board.

Student Board members shall not be liable for any acts of the Board.

### Choosing Student Board Members

A student Board member shall be a student enrolled in an LCER high school and chosen in accordance with AR 9150.

The term of student Board member(s) shall normally be one year, commencing on July 1. However, the Board may adjust the term of a student Board member by majority vote of the Board.

### Role and Responsibilities of Student Board Members

A student Board member shall not be counted in determining the vote required to carry any item before the Board or whether a quorum is in attendance at a Board meeting.

Student Board member(s) shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed or Executive Committee sessions.

All materials presented to Board members, except those related to closed sessions, shall be presented to student Board members at the same time they are presented to other Board members.

A student Board member shall be seated with other members of the Board. In addition, a student Board member shall be recognized at Board meetings as a full member and may participate in asking questions and discussing issues.

A student Board member may cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion. Preferential voting means a formal expression of opinion that is recorded in the minutes and shall be cast prior to the official Board vote and shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote.

Student Board member(s) may make motions that may be acted upon by the Board.

Student Board members shall be appointed to committees of the Board in the same manner as other Board members, be made aware of the time commitment required to participate in committee meetings and work and have the right to decline an appointment. The availability of all committee members, including the availability of student Board members, may be considered when scheduling committee meetings.

Student Board members shall be invited to attend functions of the Board, such as forums, meetings with students and parents/guardians, and other general assemblies.

Student Board members shall not be considered members of a legislative body for purposes of the Brown Act.

**Student Board Member Development**

As necessary, the President/CEO or designee shall provide learning opportunities to student Board members, through venues such as trainings, workshops, and conferences, to enhance their knowledge, understanding, and performance of leadership skills and their Board responsibilities.

The President/CEO or designee may provide an orientation for student Board member candidates to give them an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of Board service. Once chosen or appointed, incoming student Board members shall be properly onboarded to build knowledge of LCER and an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of the position.

**Elimination of Position**

Once established, the student Board member position shall continue to exist until the Board, by majority vote of all voting Board members, approves a motion to eliminate the position. Such a motion shall be listed as a public agenda item for a Board meeting prior to the motion being voted upon.