

Citizens' Advisory Committee

The following guidelines have been prepared to assist a citizens' advisory committee or task force:

- A. A specific charge or assignment shall be made to the committee.
- B. The Board or the Superintendent shall appoint a committee member based upon the person's interest and the Board's judgment of the individual's potential contribution to the accomplishment of the committee's task.
- C. The committee shall be advisory only. The Board does not and, under the law cannot, relinquish its decision-making responsibilities.
- D. The committee shall make periodic progress reports to the Board; such interim reports as well as the committee's final findings and recommendations shall become matters of public record by virtue of their presentation to the Board in a public Board meeting.
- E. Minority recommendations, as well as those of the majority, shall be welcomed by the Board.
- F. The duration of the committee shall be indicated when it is established. The Board may authorize the committee to continue its work beyond the original termination date.
- G. Staff consultants and other resource assistance shall be made available. The committee may elect to request advice or opinions from others as well, including representative citizens.
- H. Committee meeting guidelines are as follows:
 - 1. The frequency of meetings, meeting times, meeting places and the nature of the meeting announcements shall normally be determined by the committee.
 - 2. The committee may invite public attendance if it feels such attendance shall facilitate the accomplishment of its goals.
 - 3. The committee shall develop meeting procedures to assist in the orderly pursuit of its task.
- I. Expenses of the committee may be allowed if authorized in advance.
- J. Appointment of the committee chair shall be the prerogative of the Board.
- K. By agreeing to serve on the committee, a person indicates his/her willingness to comply with the Board's guidelines for a citizens' advisory committee/task force and with specific guidelines and procedures developed for the committee.
- L. If the committee acts on behalf of the board, conducts hearings, or takes testimony or public comment, its meetings will be open to the public. [RCW 42.30.020](#)

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