
ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR

OCTOBER 28, 2024

6:00 PM



WELCOME

- Please name yourself on screen
- Please put in the chat your name, role, county and years of service on the board

PURPOSE OF TONIGHT'S MEETING

- Learn about ACCBE and get excited about joining
- Discover how County Boards can become members
- Explore ways to get involved in ACCBE's initiatives
- Share feedback to help make ACCBE more responsive to the needs of County Trustees and Boards

ACCBE – BY AND FOR COUNTY BOARDS

ACCBE is an independent nonprofit exclusively dedicated to represent County Trustees and Boards

- **Empower**
- **Connect**
- **Advocate**

ACCBE IS COUNTY BOARDS' VOICE

ACCBE is an independent nonprofit led by County Trustees, focusing solely on the needs of County Board members.

- **Identity:** Celebrating the distinct and vital role of County Boards.
- **Autonomy:** ACCBE advocates for and supports the specific interest and needs of County Boards.
- **Leadership:** ACCBE's board consists entirely of current and former County Board members.

ACCBE'S 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 Superintendent's Association, and coalitions with other allied group 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.

MEMBER BENEFITS

- **Advocacy and Amplify:** Proactively identify and advocate for policies and funding that are important to your board and county, county boards throughout the state as well as the students we serve. Protect our local autonomy and authority.
- **Strong Partnerships:** Strengthen and expand our vital partnership with County Superintendents and the California Superintendents Association.
- **Strong Coalitions:** Create strong coalitions with key stakeholders on common issues; California School Boards Association, Association of California School Administrators, California Association of School Business Officials, Small School District Association, California Parent Teacher Association and others, to reach mutually supportive goals and maximize our impact.
- **Learning Together:** Engage in ACCBE-hosted forums, workshops and webinars with peers and partner experts to learn and develop innovative solutions for education challenges facing our students and communities.
- **Supporting each other - Peer to Peer Mentoring:** A network of County Trustees created by ACCBE for peer-to-peer mentoring, sharing best practices, and governance tools to enhance leadership and board effectiveness.
- **County Board Resource Library:** ACCBE is developing resource library, featuring exemplary county office programs and initiatives, along with board policies, handbooks and other tools to support board effectiveness and shared governance.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS QUICK POLL

WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO DATE

ACCBE's is incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c)3 California Corporation and an Initial Board of Directors is Operating

- Bina Lefkovitz, President (Sacramento County Board of Education)
- Yvonne Chan, (Los Angeles County Board of Education)
- Juliana Feriani, (Tuolumne County Board of Education)
- Beverly Gerard, (San Mateo County Office of Education)
- David Patterson, (Placer County Board of Education)
- Rick Shea, (San Diego County Board of Education)
- Janet Wohlgemuth, (Monterey County Board of Education)
- Shelton Yip, (Yolo County Board of Education)
- Two additional members to be recruited

STRONG BEGINNING BUT MUCH WORK STILL TO BE DONE

- Create a strong organizational structure and culture of inclusion, ownership and belonging. Engage members to serve as volunteers, leaders and mentors.
- Define ACCBE's mission, vision, and services based on member input
- Develop a focused advocacy agenda and build strong legislative relationships
- Build coalitions around core issues with organizations such as the California School Boards Association, Association of California School Administrators, California Association of School Business Officials, Small School District Association, and the California Parent Teacher Association
- Craft a sustainable fiscal plan that supports our member needs (member dues, fundraising, sponsorships)

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Become a Member:** Seek your board's support to join ACCBE
- **Contribute to the Conversation:** Participate in discussions and surveys to help refine ACCBE's governance and services.
- **Join a Committee:** Get involved by joining a committee focused on planning, advocacy, or peer support , and play an active role in shaping the future of ACCBE.

YOUR QUESTIONS

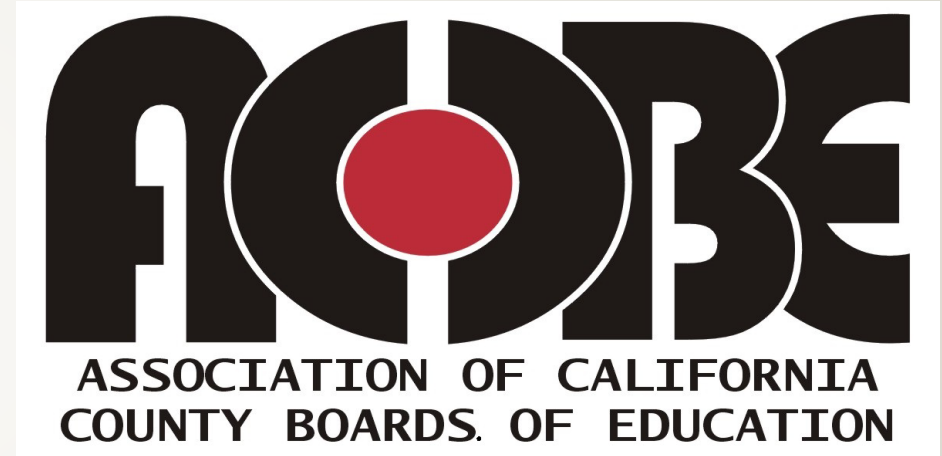
- Please Post Your Questions in the Chat
- ACCBE website has a Frequently Asked Question Page
- If we don't answer all your questions tonight, we will provide responses in a follow-up email

NEXT STEPS

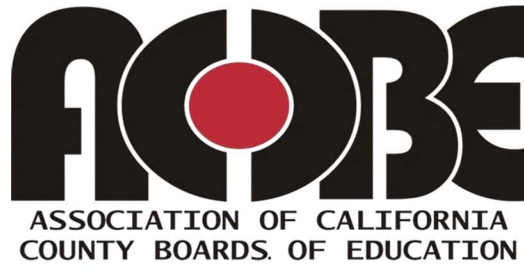
- **Fill out the meeting evaluation and tell us how you might want to get involved – Link to the evaluation is in the chat**
- Share the recording of tonight's webinar
- Complete the Interest Form on the website
- Additional webinars are coming
- A comprehensive needs survey will be sent out to all county board members very soon
- Get your board's approval to join ACCBE

HERE IS OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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THANK YOU



Zoom Poll

Question: What are your top three proposed member benefits that are most important to you:

1. Input on creating advocacy positions on county board issues
2. Opportunities to advocate directly to legislators
3. Having strong partnerships/coalitions with CSA, CSBA, ACSA , Small School Districts Assoc, others
4. Regular opportunities (in person and online) to network with peers and educational leaders
5. Being a mentor to another county board trustee or being mentored
6. Support and tips for Effective board governance- group and personalized support
7. Promotion of what County Boards do and opportunities to be an ambassador for this work and our students
8. Participating in forums to discuss/learn innovations and cutting-edge solutions that position County Boards/ Trustees to advocate and address the changing education landscape
9. Having access to a resource library with useful tools

Results (40 participants answered)

