Ed Code §§15278 et seq

1. **General**
   1. Ed Code section 15278
   2. Turns Prop 39 into law
   3. Formed within 60 days of certification of results
2. **Purpose.** The purpose of the citizens' oversight committee shall be to:
   1. Inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues.
   2. The citizens' oversight committee shall
      1. actively review and
      2. report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction.
3. **Must do.** The citizens'oversight committee shall convene to provide oversight for, ***but not be limited to***, both of the following:
   1. Ensuring that bond revenues are expended only for the purposes
   2. Ensuring that… funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses.
4. **May do**. In furtherance of its purpose, the citizens' oversight committee may engage in any of the following activities:
   1. Receiving and reviewing copies of the annual, independent performance audit required
   2. Receiving and reviewing copies of the annual, independent financial audit required
   3. Inspecting school facilities and grounds to ensure that bond revenues are expended in compliance with the requirements
   4. Receiving and reviewing copies of any deferred maintenance proposals or plans developed by a school district or community college district
   5. Reviewing efforts by the school district or community college district to maximize bond revenues by implementing cost-saving measures, including, but not limited to, all of the following:
      1. Mechanisms designed to reduce the costs of professional fees.
      2. Mechanisms designed to reduce the costs of site preparation.
      3. Recommendations regarding the joint use of core facilities.
      4. Mechanisms designed to reduce costs by incorporating efficiencies in schoolsite design.
      5. Recommendations regarding the use of cost-effective and efficient reusable facility plans.
5. **District responsibilities.** The governing board of the district shall, **without expending bond funds**, provide the citizens' oversight committee with
   1. any necessary technical assistance and
   2. shall provide administrative assistance in furtherance of its purpose and
   3. sufficient resources to publicize the conclusions of the citizens' oversight committee.
6. **Brown Act.** All committee proceedings shall be open to the public and notice to the public shall be provided in the same manner as the proceedings of the governing board.
7. **Annual Report.** The citizens' oversight committee shall
   1. Issue regular reports on the results of its activities.
   2. A report shall be issued at least once a year.
8. **Public Record.** Minutes of the proceedings of the citizens' oversight committee and all documents received and reports issued shall
   1. be a matter of public record and
   2. be made available on an Internet website maintained by the governing board.
9. **Composition of the BOC.** 
   1. The citizens' oversight committee shall consist of
      1. at least seven members
      2. to serve for a term of two years
      3. without compensation and
      4. for no more than three consecutive terms.
   2. While consisting of a minimum of at least seven members, the citizens' oversight committee shall be comprised, as follows:
      1. One member shall be active in a business organization representing the business community located within the district.
      2. One member shall be active in a senior citizens' organization.
      3. One member shall be active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization.
      4. For a school district,
         1. one member shall be the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the district.
         2. one member shall be both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the district and active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the Parent Teacher Association or schoolsite council.
      5. For a community college district,
         1. one member shall be a student who is both currently enrolled in the district and active in a community college group, such as student government. The community college student member may, at the discretion of the board, serve up to six months after his or her graduation.
         2. one member shall be active in the support and organization of a community college or the community colleges of the district, such as a member of an advisory council or foundation.
10. **Prohibited members of the BOC.** 
    1. No employee or official of the district shall be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee.
    2. No vendor, contractor, or consultant of the district shall be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee.
11. **No Conflict of interest requirements.**
    1. Section 1125 of the Government **Code- it’s only 2 pages, read it**
    2. SHORT VERSION
       1. Appointing authority makes the rules
       2. Not for “private gain”
       3. Should not involve receipt of money or other consideration
       4. IF you are a government employee, don’t let it get in the way of your job