

**RULES GOVERNING OPEN MEETINGS,
CLOSED SESSIONS AND RECORDS OF THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA
ARTICLE 1, SECTION 4
(Amended by the Board of Governors November 9, 2007.)**

Section 4 Meeting, Definition

- (a) As used in these rules, “meeting” includes any congregation of a majority of the members of the board or board committee at the same time and place to hear, discuss, or deliberate upon any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the State Bar.
- (b) Nothing in this section shall impose the requirements of these rules upon any of the following:
 - (1) Individual contacts or conversations between a member of the board and any other person.
 - (2) The attendance of a majority of the members of the board or a board committee at a conference or similar gathering open to the public that involves a discussion of issues of general interest to the public or to the State Bar, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the State Bar.
 - (3) The attendance of a majority of the members of the board or a board committee at an open and publicized meeting organized to address a topic of local community concern by a person or organization other than the State Bar, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the State Bar.
 - (4) The attendance of a majority of the members of the board or a board committee at an open and noticed meeting of a State Bar committee, commission or task force or at an open and noticed meeting of a legislative body of another local agency, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled meeting, business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the State Bar.
 - (5) The attendance of a majority of the members of the board or a board committee at a purely social or ceremonial occasion, provided that a

majority of the members do not discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the State Bar.

- (6) The attendance of a majority of the members of the board at a ~~an open and noticed~~ meeting of a board committee provided that ~~the members of the legislative body who are not members of the board committee attend only as observers.~~ a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled meeting, business of a specific nature that is with the subject matter jurisdiction of the State Bar. For open and noticed meetings, or meetings closed under Business & Professions Code 6026.5, Board members may attend and participate in a meeting of a Board Committee of which they are not members, but they may not vote. Notice of meetings of Board Committees must also include the following statement:

The rules of the State Bar permit Board members who are not committee members to participate but not vote in the committee meeting. If a majority of Board members is present, the meeting is a meeting of the Board as a whole but no formal action by the full Board will take place.