

Title 6 ▪ Governance ▪ Division 2 ▪ Meetings ▪ Chapter 2 ▪ Meetings of State Bar committees
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Rule 6.60 In general

Unless these rules provide otherwise, rules applicable to meetings of the Board of Governors apply to meetings of Board-appointed committees that act on its behalf (in this chapter, "Board-appointed bodies"). These committees are listed in Appendix C.

Rule 6.61 Open meeting policy

Meetings of Board-appointed bodies are open to the public unless closed pursuant to rule or law. Meeting space for members of the public may be limited and the State Bar is not obligated to provide seating for all members of the public in attendance.

Rule 6.62 Closed sessions

- (A) In addition to the rules governing meetings of the Board of Governors, a Board-appointed body may also meet in closed session to discuss, deliberate, or take action upon
- (1) matters designated confidential by its charge, these rules, or otherwise by law;
 - (2) matters related to the character, competence, or physical or mental health of an individual;
 - (3) allegations of criminal or professional misconduct;
 - (4) applications, petitions, requests, investigations, opinions, complaints, recommendations, or reports regarding specific cases or programs;
 - (5) proposals, negotiations, or discussions related to contractual, labor, business, or legislative matters;
 - (6) matters related to the development, administration, or grading of an examination; or
 - (7) matters relating to internal management of the Board-appointed body.
- (B) State Bar staff and others who are reasonably necessary for consideration of a closed session matter may attend the closed session at the discretion of the body's chair.

Rule 6.63 Committee records exempt from disclosure

- (A) The following records are exempt from disclosure:
- (1) Records directly relating to matters that would be exempt from disclosure at meetings of the Board or a board committee.
 - (2) Records exempt or prohibited from disclosure by court decisions, Rules of Procedure of the State Bar, federal or state law relating to privilege and privacy.
 - (3) Written memoranda prepared for the Board-appointed body by the Office of General Counsel, or outside counsel, related to advice, litigation, or claims.

- (4) Drafts, notes, or memoranda which are not distributed in the course of committee business.
- (B) Nothing in these rules prevents the board from opening records to public inspection, unless disclosure is otherwise prohibited by law.
- (C) The Board-appointed body must cite the express authority under which the record is exempt from disclosure.

Appendix C

State Bar of California committees subject to open meeting rules

- Committee of Bar Examiners
- Committee on Group Insurance
- Committee on Professional Liability Insurance
- Council of State Bar Sections
- Executive Committee of Antitrust and Unfair Competition Section
- Executive Committee of Business Law Section
- Executive Committee of Criminal Law Section
- Executive Committee of Environmental Law Section
- Executive Committee of Family Law Section
- Executive Committee of Intellectual Property Law Section
- Executive Committee of International Law Section
- Executive Committee of Labor and Employment Law Section
- Executive Committee of Law Practice Management and Technology Section
- Executive Committee of Litigation Section
- Executive Committee of Public Law Section
- Executive Committee of Real Property Law Section
- Executive Committee of Solo and Small Firm Section
- Executive Committee of Taxation Section
- Executive Committee of Trusts and Estates Section
- Executive Committee of Workers Compensation Section
- Client Security Fund Commission
- Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission
- Lawyer Assistance Program Oversight Committee
- Legal Services Trust Fund Commission
- California Board of Legal Specialization