

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS AND CLOSED SESSIONS

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TITLE: Executive Sessions and Closed Sessions

POLICY:

- (1) Closed Sessions.
 - (a) Bargaining. Closed sessions are discussions among the School Board of Orange County, Florida (“Board”) and the Superintendent or designee relative to bargaining and are exempt from the Sunshine Law under Section 286.011, Florida Statutes. They shall be conducted with only the Board, appropriate staff members, advisors, and Board attorneys present.
 - (b) Security and Firesafety Systems. Closed sessions may also be held with the Board, the Superintendent, and other relevant individuals to discuss security or firesafety systems (collectively, “safety plans”). Any portion of a meeting relating directly to or that would reveal such safety systems of information is confidential and exempt from Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and other laws requiring public access or disclosure in accordance with Section 281.301, Florida Statutes.
 - (c) Calling a Closed Session. A closed session on bargaining or on security and firesafety systems may be called by the Chair, the Superintendent, and/or upon the direction of five (5) Board members who notify the Superintendent and the General Counsel individually. Such sessions are not considered part of any regular, special, or workshop meeting; therefore, notice of regular, special, or workshop meetings does not apply to such discussions and there is no requirement to keep minutes.
- (2) Executive Sessions.

Discussions among the Board, the Superintendent, and the Board attorneys relative to pending litigation to which the Board is presently a party before a court or administrative agency and are exempt from Section 286.011, Florida Statutes. These sessions shall be conducted as strategy sessions related to litigation expenditures and/or in conjunction with settlement negotiations in accordance with Section 286.011, Florida Statutes. The process followed for scheduling executive sessions for litigation purposes shall be in accordance with Section 286.011, Florida Statutes.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY:

Sections 119.07; 119.071; 281.301; 286.011; 447.605, Florida Statutes

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