

School Board Statutes—Agendas, Regular Meetings, and Special Meetings

Local school board meetings and agendas in Kansas are governed by the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) under **K.S.A. § 75-4317 et seq.**, alongside school district operational statutes under **K.S.A. § 72-1138**.

Core Legal Requirements

- **General Meetings:** Under K.S.A. § 72-1138, local boards of education must meet at least once each month. They establish their regular meeting times, dates, and locations annually via a formal resolution.
- **Agenda Availability:** The Kansas Open Meetings Act dictates that if an agenda is compiled or used for a meeting, a copy of the agenda must be made available to any person who requests it, though Kansas law does not impose a blanket statewide mandate forcing every local board to proactively publish all agendas on an internet homepage unless specifically enacted by local district policy or specific statutory updates.
- **Notice Upon Request:** KOMA requires that advance notice of the date, time, and place of any regular or special meeting must be provided to any individual or media outlet that has made a written or verbal request for notification.
- **Special and Emergency Meetings:** Special meetings require proper notice called by the board president or any three board members. If a regular meeting is canceled due to an emergency, the board must establish and give notice of a rescheduled date and time within 24 hours of the cancellation.
- **Public Participation:** Recent legislative additions to school district statutes (such as amendments tied to K.S.A. § 72-1138 and related transparency mandates) protect the rights of the public to address school boards during open meetings and require districts to publicly list current board member contact information.

To Address the Fowler Board of Education: Persons may present ideas or concerns regarding USD 225. No action will be taken by the Board at this meeting. Personalities and behavior of employees are not to be presented during this period but are to be reported to the employee's immediate supervisor. Speakers shall be limited to 5 minutes.

A Request to Speak card must be presented to the clerk of the Board / Superintendent 30 minutes prior to meeting time.

- **Executive Sessions:** Agendas may list items for closed executive sessions, but the board must state the justification, the subjects to be discussed, and the time the open meeting will resume. No binding action or final voting may ever occur during an executive session.