

A committee that includes one or more members of the college district board of trustees and has supervision or control over public business or public policy is subject to the Open Meetings Act (OMA), Government Code Chapter 551, when it meets to discuss that public business or policy.

A committee that includes less than a quorum of board members is not subject to the OMA if it serves a purely advisory function, with no power to supervise or control public business. However, should the committee actually function as something more than a merely advisory body with the result that it in fact supervises or controls public business or policy, it must comply with the OMA to avoid depriving the public of access to the board's actual decision-making process.

*Atty. Gen. Ops. JM-1072 (1989), JM-331 (1985), H-3 (1973); see also Atty. Gen. Op. LO-97-058 (1997) [See BD(LEGAL)]*