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Important notice from the Department of Developmental Services about:

REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL CENTER GOVERNING BOARDS WHEN HOLDING CLOSED SESSIONS

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What to Know

Regional center boards sometimes hold “closed sessions.” Closed sessions are parts of a meeting that are not open to the public. California law explains when closed sessions are allowed and what boards must do when there are closed sessions. The board must explain to the public the reason for having closed sessions.

The law allows boards to hold closed sessions for the following topics:

- Real estate deals
- Hiring, firing, reviewing, or disciplining employees
- Employee pay and benefits
- Labor contract talks
- Ongoing legal matters

This guidance reminds regional centers about:

- California law
- What regional centers must do when holding a closed session meeting

Questions?

Individuals and their families should ask their service coordinators questions or for more information.

Learn More

To learn more, visit the [Welfare and Institutions Code section 4663 webpage](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=4663.&lawCode=WIC) (https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=4663.&lawCode=WIC)

