



BP 2350

SPEAKERS

References:

Education Code Section 72121.5;
Government Code Sections 54950 et seq.

Persons may speak to the Board either on an agenda item or on other matters of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item shall be heard before a vote is called on the item.

Persons wishing to speak to matters not on the agenda shall do so at the time designated at the meeting for public comment which is placed on the agenda as “Public Comment.”

Those wishing to speak to the Board are subject to the following:

1. The President of the Board may rule members of the public out of order if their remarks do not pertain to matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Non-scheduled substitutes may not speak in place of scheduled speakers unless alternates have been submitted on the original request.
3. Employees who are members of a bargaining unit represented by an exclusive bargaining agent may address the Board under this policy, but may not attempt to negotiate terms and conditions of their employment. This policy does not prohibit any employee from addressing a collective bargaining proposal pursuant to the public notice requirements of Government Code Section 3547 and the policies of this Board implementing that section.
4. Members of the public wishing to speak, whether present in the meeting room or attending online, shall complete and submit to the Executive Assistant to the Board of Trustees an electronic or paper request form titled, “Request to Address the Board of Trustees.” The form may be submitted prior to the Call to Order of the meeting and no later than the Board’s reconvening from their initial Closed



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5. The request shall include the person's name and name of the organization or group represented, if any, and a statement noting the agenda item or topic to be addressed.
6. No member of the public may speak without being recognized by the President of the Board.
7. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three minutes per topic. Twenty-one minutes shall be the maximum time allotment for public speakers on any one subject regardless of the number of speakers at any one-Board meeting. At the discretion of the President of the Board, these time limits may be adjusted.
8. Each speaker coming before the Board is limited to one public comment per agenda item before the Board, and to one public comment per meeting on non-agenda matters.
9. Speakers are subject to the expectations for participants outlined in BP 2355 Decorum in Board Meetings, and may be ruled out of order if found in violation of that policy.

Also see BP 2345 Public Participation at Board Meetings and BP 2355 Decorum in Board Meetings.

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