



BP 2345

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

Reference:

Education Code Section 72121.5;
Government Code Sections 54954.3 and 54957.5

The Board shall provide opportunities for members of the general public to participate in the business of the Board.

At a Regular Board Meeting, members of the public may bring matters directly related to the business of the District to the attention of the Board in one of two ways:

1. There will be a time at each regularly scheduled Board meeting for the general public to discuss items **not** on the agenda. Prior to the Call to Order of the meeting, members of the public wishing to speak on an item **not** on the agenda shall complete a request form titled “Request to Address the Board of Trustees” and submit it to the Clerk. No action may be taken by the Board on such items.
2. The general public may request to speak to items on the agenda. Prior to the Call to Order of the meeting, members of the public wishing to speak on an item on the agenda shall complete a request form titled “Request to Address the Board of Trustees” and submit it to the Clerk.

If the District places a limit on the amount allocated for each individual speaker, the District must provide at least twice the allotted time to a member of the public who utilizes a translator to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the legislative body, unless simultaneously translations equipment is used to allow the body to hear the translated public testimony simultaneously.

If requested, written communications from the public to the Board that are public records shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats so as to be accessible to persons with a disability.

Members of the public may place items on the prepared agenda in accordance with Board Policy 2340 titled Agendas.



At a Special Board Meeting, members of the public may only address items on the agenda.

Also see BP/AP 2350 Speakers

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