

Board of Trustees

1 BP 2350 SPEAKERS

2 References:

- 3 Education Code, Section 72121.5;
- 4 Government Code, Sections 54950 et seq.

5 Persons may speak to the Board either on an agenda item or on other matters of
6 interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.
7 Members of the public have First Amendment rights to participate in public Board
8 meetings, including making opinionated comments that are critical of the performance of
9 public employees or comments regarding an agenda item to be considered in closed
10 session.

11 Oral presentations relating to a matter on the agenda, including those on the consent
12 agenda, shall be heard before a vote is called on the item.

13 Persons wishing to speak to matters not on the agenda shall do so at the time
14 designated at the meeting for public comment.

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

- 16 • The President of the Board may rule members of the public out of order if their
17 remarks do not pertain to matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of
18 the Board or if their remarks are unduly repetitive.
- 19 • Non-scheduled substitutes may not speak in place of scheduled speakers unless
20 alternates have been submitted on the original request.
- 21 • Employees who are members of a bargaining unit represented by an exclusive
22 bargaining agent may address the Board of Trustees under this policy, but may
23 not attempt to negotiate terms and conditions of their employment. This policy
24 does not prohibit any employee from addressing a collective bargaining proposal
25 pursuant to the public notice requirements of Government Code, Section 3547
26 and the policies of this Board implementing that section.

27 The process for a speaker to speak to the Board will be as follows:

- 28 • The speaker shall complete the “Board Address Request” Card at the beginning
29 of the meeting and submit the card to the Executive Assistant to the President/
30 Superintendent prior to the meeting.
- 31 • The request shall be dated and signed by the author, shall contain the residence
32 or business address of the author, the author’s organizational affiliation, if any,
33 and a statement noting the agenda item or topic to be addressed.

- 34 • No member of the public may speak without being recognized by the President of
35 the Board.
- 36 • Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of five minutes per topic. Twenty
37 minutes shall be the maximum time allotment for public speakers on any one
38 subject regardless of the number of speakers at any one Board meeting. At the
39 discretion of a majority of the Board, these time limits may be extended. (Also
40 see AP 2345 titled Public Participation at Board Meetings)
- 41 • Each speaker coming before the Board is limited to one presentation per specific
42 agenda item before the Board, and to one presentation per meeting on non-
43 agenda matters.

44 Office of Primary Responsibility: President/Superintendent

45 Also see BP 2340 titled Agendas, BP/AP 2345 titled Public Participation at Board
46 Meetings, and BP 2355 titled Decorum

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