

## **AP 2345 Public Participation at Board Meetings**

Reference:

**Education Code Section 72121.5;**  
**Government Code Section 54954.2**

- 1.0 Members of the public may participate in Board meetings in accordance with the provisions of BP 2345, Public Participation at Board Meetings.
- 2.0 The Board of Trustees welcomes public comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the District. Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker and twenty (20) minutes per topic. A speaker who utilizes a translator will be allowed a maximum of six (6) minutes. At the Board of Trustees' discretion, these time limits may be amended.
- 3.0 Members wishing to address the Board of Trustees shall be requested to submit a written request to the Board's Recording Secretary at the beginning of the meeting that summarizes the item and provides their name and organizational affiliation, if any. All comments should be directed to the Board of Trustees.
- 4.0 At the conclusion of public comment, the Board of Trustees may ask staff to review a matter or ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. Members of the Board, however, may not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during public comment unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.
- 5.0 The Board of Trustees does not condone any defamatory accusations or complaints, including remarks which reflect adversely on the political, religious, or economic views, character, or motives of any person. Members of the audience bear the sole legal responsibility for any defamation actions that may be brought as a result of their comments or allegations.

See Board Policy and Administrative Procedure 2340, Agendas, Board Policy and Administrative Procedure 2350, Speakers, and Board Policy 2355, Decorum.

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