

## **BP 2350 Speakers**

Reference:

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

- 1.0 Persons may speak to the Board of Trustees either on an agenda item or on other matters of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees.
- 2.0 Oral presentations relating to a matter on the agenda, including those on the consent agenda, shall be heard before the Board of Trustees begins its discussion of the item and before a vote is called on the item.
- 3.0 Persons wishing to speak to matters not on the agenda shall do so at the time designated at the meeting for public comments.
- 4.0 Those wishing to speak to the Board of Trustees are subject to the following:
  - 4.1 The President of the Board of Trustees 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 of Trustees or if their remarks are unduly repetitive.
  - 4.2 Non-scheduled substitutes may not speak in place of scheduled speakers unless alternates have been submitted on the original request.
  - 4.3 Employees who are members of a bargaining unit represented by an exclusive bargaining agent may address the Board of Trustees under this policy, but they 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 of Trustees implementing that section.
  - 4.4 A written request to address the Board of Trustees is to be submitted to the Recording Secretary at the beginning of the meeting at which they wish to speak.
  - 4.5 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.
  - 4.6 No member of the public may speak without being recognized by the President of the Board of Trustees.
  - 4.7 Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes per topic. Twenty (20) 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 a majority of the Board of Trustees, these time limits may be extended.
    - 4.7.1 A speaker who utilizes a translator will be allowed a maximum of six (6) minutes to address the Board of Trustees.

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- 4.8 Each speaker coming before the Board of Trustees is limited to one presentation per specific agenda item before the Board of Trustees, and to one presentation per meeting on non-agenda matters.

See Administrative Procedures 2350, Speakers; Board Policy 2345, Public Participation at Board Meetings; and Board Policy 2355, Decorum

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