

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The following rules are designed to facilitate the oral presentation of the public's view. Persons wishing to address the Board shall complete a Public Comment form available at the meeting. The card shall be delivered to the Recording Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting. If the matter is not on the agenda, citizens may speak under General Public Comments.

Speakers called upon will introduce themselves, stating name and address and group affiliation. Statements shall be limited to no more than three (3) minutes (unless the time limit is waived by Board members or at the discretion of the President of the Board). No individual may speak more than once on the same topic before all others have been heard. Statements will be addressed to the Board of Trustees only.

The President of the Board shall have the right to limit the speakers' times to three (3) minutes; caution the speakers to terminate their right to speak when remarks being made become too personal, vitriolic, abusive, or profane; request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum.

References: Education Code Section 72121.5; Government Code Section 54954.2

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Former Policy #901: "Public Participation in Board Meetings," Adopted by Board of Trustees: 8/15/77