

Governing Board

BP 2345 RIGHT TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

References:

- Education Code 72121.5;
- Government Code Sections 54954 et seq. and 54957.5

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

Members of the public may bring matters directly related to the business of the District to the attention of the Governing 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.

Members wishing to present such items shall submit a written request, prior to the public comment section of the agenda or before the agendized item is to be heard, to the Superintendent/President or President of the Governing Board (whichever is most appropriate) that summarizes the item and provides his or her name and organizational affiliation, if any. No action may be taken by the Governing Board on such items not on the agenda.

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

If requested through the Superintendent/President's Office, writings that are public records shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats so as to be accessible to persons with a disability.

Claims for damages are not considered communications to the Governing Board under this rule, but shall be submitted to the District.

Members of the College community communicate with members of the Board in accordance with established guidelines for communication.

At regular meetings, the Governing Board shall provide opportunities for members of the public to address the Board directly on items on the agenda or on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. The Board welcomes the information provided by this direct interaction with the public.