



Board Policy
Chapter 2 – Governing Board

BP 2345 Public Participation at Board Meetings

References:

Education Code Section 72121.5;
Government Code Sections 54954.3 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. Request to Speak - Public Comment: There will be a time at each regularly scheduled Board meeting for the general public to address the board Referred to as “Public Comment” on the Governing Board agenda, members wishing to present such items may submit a written request at the beginning of the meeting to the administrative support of the Governing Board that summarizes the item and provides their name and organizational affiliation, if any. No action may be taken or a direct response given by the Governing Board during Public Comment.
 - a. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)
 - b. Public Comment (Agenda Items)
2. Members of the public may place items on the prepared agenda in accordance with BP 2340 Agendas.

Members of the public also may submit written communications to the Board on items on the agenda. All such written communications shall be dated and signed by the author and shall contain the author's organizational affiliation, if any.

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.

Also see BP/AP 2340 Agendas, AP 2345 Public Participation at Board Meetings, BP 2350 Speakers, BP 2355 Decorum, and BP/AP 3300 Public Records.

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