

Speakers at Board Meetings

2350

Persons may speak to the Board either on an agenda item or on other matters of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

Oral presentations relating to a matter on the agenda, including those on the consent agenda, shall be heard before a vote is called on the item.

Persons wishing to speak to matters not on the agenda shall do so at the time designated at the meeting for public hearings.

Those wishing to speak to the Board are subject to the following:

- No member of the public may speak without being recognized by the President of the Board.
- The President of the Board 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 or if their remarks are unduly repetitive.
- Non-scheduled substitutes may not speak in place of scheduled speakers unless alternates have been submitted on the original request.
- Employees who are members of a bargaining unit represented by an exclusive bargaining agent may address the Board under this policy, but 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 implementing that section.

Addressing Items on the Agenda

Members of the public are able to address the Board regarding items on the agenda as such items are taken up. Members of the public who wish to address the Board on items on the agenda shall complete a written request to the Chancellor at the beginning of the meeting at which they wish to speak. The request shall note the item on which they wish to speak and identify the submitter by name and by organizational affiliation, if any. In order to insure the orderly conduct of public business, unless the Governing Board otherwise directs at the time, citizens wishing to discuss agenda items with the Board at Board meetings shall be limited to five minutes per person. The Board President may at his/her discretion limit the total number of speakers addressing a particular subject and/or reduce the minutes allowed per person below five minutes.

Addressing Items Not on the Agenda

This regulation shall not preclude the taking of public testimony or comment during the Public Hearings at regularly-scheduled meetings on matters not on the agenda which any member of the public may wish to bring before the Board, provided that no action is taken by the Board on such matters at the same meeting at which such testimony or comment is taken. In order to facilitate such interaction with the public, each meeting

*Foothill-De Anza Community College District
Board of Trustees
Board Policy Manual*

agenda shall include a time for general public input on any matter not otherwise covered in the agenda for that meeting. Members of the public who wish to address the Board during the Public Hearing shall complete a written request to the Chancellor at the beginning of the meeting at which they wish to speak. The request shall identify the subject and the submitter by name and by organizational affiliation, if any. The Board President may at his/her discretion limit the total number of speakers addressing a particular subject and/or reduce the minutes allowed per person below five minutes.

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

Education Code Section 72121.5
Government Code Sections 54950 et seq.

Approved 1/13/14