BP 2350    SPEAKERS

References:
    Education Code Section 72121.5;
    Government Code Sections 54950 et seq.

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.

Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item 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 comment which is placed on the agenda as “Hearing of
    Citizens.”

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

1. 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.

2. Non-scheduled substitutes may not speak in place of scheduled speakers unless
    alternates have been submitted on the original request or by permission of the
    President of the Board.

3. 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.

4. Prior to the Call to Order of the meeting, members of the public wishing to speak
    shall complete a request form titled “Request to Address the Board of Trustees”
    and submit it to the Clerk.

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.

6. No member of the public may speak without being recognized by the President of
    the Board.
7. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of **five minutes** per topic. **Twenty 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 the President of the Board, these time limits may be extended.

8. 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.

Also see BP 2345 titled Public Participation at Board Meetings

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