

**P&P 2350 SPEAKERS**

**Reason for Changes** *(For more info on SBCCD's process for Board Policies and Administrative Procedures, visit <https://sbccd.edu/ap2410>.)*

Requested by the Chancellor on behalf of the BOT to revise the timeframe for speakers addressing the Board.

<b>Review Level:</b> 2   Minor Edit (Non 10+1)	<b>Review Level Approved by PPAC:</b> 10/10/2022	<b>Constituent Review:</b> Due 10/31/2022	<b>PPAC Info Item:</b> 11/14/2022
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*(Replaces current SBCCD BP 2140)*

Persons may speak to the Board of Trustees 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.

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

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

- The Chair 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.

Any member of the public who wishes to address the Board on any matter on the agenda of a regular Board meeting or on the notice for a special Board meeting is limited to ~~five~~3 minutes per person and ~~20~~12 minutes per agenda topic unless the time limit is extended by a majority vote of the Board.

The Board acknowledges that the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54954.3, requires that every agenda for regular meetings, but not every notice for special meetings, shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Board on items of interest to the public that are not on the agenda.

A member of the public who wishes to address the Board on an item not on the agenda, but related to the business of the District, is limited to five minutes unless a majority of the Board votes to extend the time limit. The total time for members of the public to speak on the same or a substantially similar subject shall be limited to twenty minutes unless a majority of the Board votes to extend the time limit. 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.

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Members of the public desiring to address the Board shall complete and submit a Public Comment card.

As a matter of law, members of the Board may not discuss or respond to public comments unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion or action in Open Session.

**References:**

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

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**END OF RECOMMENDATION**