BP 2350  Speakers

Persons may speak to the Governing Board either on an agenda item or on other matters of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Governing 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 comment titled “Public Comments.”

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

- The President of the Governing 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 Governing 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 Governing 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 Governing Board policies implementing that section.

Any member of the public may address the Governing Board on any matter on the agenda of a regular open Governing Board meeting or on the notice for a special Governing Board meeting. Requesters are asked to complete the form “Request to Address Chaffey Community College District Governing Board” and to give it to the recording secretary prior to the start of the Governing Board meeting. The Request to Address Chaffey Community College District Governing Board form 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.

The speaker will be called under the appropriate agenda item and is limited to three minutes unless the time limit is extended by a majority vote of the Governing Board. The total time for members of the public to speak on the same agenda item shall be limited to fifteen minutes unless a majority of the Governing Board votes to extend the time limit.
Any member of the public may address the Governing Board on any matter on the agenda of a closed session. Requesters are asked to complete the form “Request to Address Chaffey Community College District Governing Board” and to give it to the Governing Board Secretary (the Superintendent/President) prior to the start of the closed session. The speaker will be called before the closed session convenes and is limited to three minutes unless the time limit is extended by a majority vote of the Governing Board.

Every agenda for regular meetings shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Governing Board on items of interest to the public that are not on the agenda. A member of the public who wishes to address the Governing Board on any item not on the agenda is asked to complete the form “Request to Address Chaffey Community College District Governing Board” and to give it to the recording secretary prior to the start of the Governing Board meeting. The speaker will be called under Public Comments and is limited to three minutes unless the time limit is extended by a majority vote of the Governing Board. The total time for members of the public to speak on the same or a substantially similar subject shall be limited to fifteen minutes unless a majority of the Governing Board votes to extend the time limit.

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

No member of the public may speak without being recognized by the President of the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall provide double the allotted time to speak for those members of the public who use a translator in accordance with board policy BP 2345 Public Participation at Governing Board Meetings. The Governing Board can take no action on matters not on the agenda.

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

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