BOARD POLICY 2350 SPEAKERS AND DECORUM

Persons speaking to the Board in accordance with Board Policy 2345 are subject to the following:

- No members of the public may speak without being recognized by the President of the Board or designee.
- Persons may speak to the Board only on an agenda item named or on other non-agenda matters of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.
- Only persons submitting a written request prior the meeting may speak subject to the regulations and time limits of Administrative Procedure 2345.
- 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.
- 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. Remarks may not be unduly repetitive.
- Speakers may not discuss in public meetings charges or complaints which the Board has scheduled to consider in closed session.
- Speakers may not use profanity, obscenity and other offensive language or threaten violence directed towards any person or property.

Violations of this policy will be ruled out of order by the presiding officer.

In the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by actions of one or more persons so to render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, the person(s) may be removed from the premises. Before removal, a warning and request to curtail the disruptive activity will be made by the President of the Board. If the behavior continues, the person(s) may be removed by a vote of the Board, based on a finding that the person is violating this policy, and that such activity is intentional and has substantially impaired the conduct of the meeting.

In the event that activity during a board meeting presents an imminent danger to persons or property, the Board President or the Chancellor may immediately direct Public Safety Personnel to take the necessary measures to secure a safe environment.

Reference:
Government Code Sections 54950 et seq.; 54954.3(b)
Education Code Section 72121.5
Administrative Procedure 2345 Public Participation at Board Meetings

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