



**COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICIES**

BP 2350 Public Participation

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Reference:

Government Code Sections 54954.3, 54957.5

Education Code 72121.5

The Board shall provide opportunities for members of the public to participate in the business of the Board.

Members of the public may bring matters directly related to the business of the District to the attention of the Board in one of three ways:

1. There will be a time at each regularly scheduled board meeting for the general public to discuss items not on the agenda. The public wishing to present such items shall submit a written request to the Secretary for the Board no later than ten minutes after the beginning of the public meeting. No action may be taken by the Board on such items.
2. Members of the public may request items be placed on the prepared agenda in accordance with Board Policy 2340 provided a written summary of the item is submitted to the CEO by Friday at noon at least 18 days prior to a regularly scheduled board meeting. The CEO will notify the individual of action taken.
3. Members of the public also may submit written communications to the Board on items on the agenda and/or request to speak to agenda items at the board meeting. Written communication regarding items on the Board's agenda should reach the office of the President not later than 24 hours prior to the meeting at which the matter concerned is to be before the Board. Requests to speak at the meeting on agenda items may be submitted up until 10 minutes after the beginning of the public meeting.

All requests to communicate with the Board shall be written, shall summarize the item to be discussed, and contain the date, name, address, and organizational affiliation, if any, of the author.

The following will be ruled out of order by the presiding officer:

- Remarks or discussion in public meeting on charges of complaints which the Board has scheduled to consider in closed session.
- Profanity, obscenity or other disparaging epithet.
- Physical violence and/or threats of physical violence.
- Remarks in total in excess of five minutes by one person in any single board meeting.

In the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by the actions of one or more persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, the person(s) may be removed from the meeting room.