

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

References: Education Code 72121.5;
Government Code Sections 3547 and 54950 et seq.

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 Board.

Persons wishing to speak must complete a "Request for Oral Communications" card, including the topic to be discussed and name and organizational affiliation of the speaker, if any. This card must be completed and in the hands of the Secretary of the Board prior to the close of the "Oral Communications" period of a regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting. Please see District Procedure No. 2350, "Oral Communications," for more information.

It is the intent of the Governing Board to allow those individuals who complete and submit the required card to address the Governing Board within the parameters set forth herein and in District Procedure No. 2350, "Oral Communications."

Claims for damages are not considered communications to the Governing Board under this policy, but shall be submitted to the District in compliance with District Policy No. 3810 "Claims Against the District."

If a complaint against the District or an employee of the District is made orally, the Governing Board may request that the complainant provide information in writing to facilitate any necessary investigation. The Governing Board may also afford any District employee who is complained against the opportunity to respond either orally or in writing at the same or a subsequent meeting. Personal attacks against any employee of the District will not be allowed.

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 policies of this Governing Board implementing that section.

No action may be taken by the Board on items presented during Oral Communications which are not on the published agenda.

See also, District Policy No. 2345, "Public Participation at Board Meetings" and District Procedure No. 2350, "Oral Communications."