

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

SPEAKERS

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POLICY:

Except as extended by the Board President or action of the Board, individuals shall be limited to three (3) minutes on any one (1) topic or item. 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.

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

- The President 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 Governing Code Section 3547 and the policies of this Board implementing that section.
- They shall complete a Public Comment Card to address the Board at the beginning of the meeting at which they wish to speak.
- The request 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.
- No member of the public may speak without being recognized by the President of the Board.

- Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes per topic. The Board President can establish a reasonable maximum time allotment for public speakers on one (1) subject regardless of the number of speakers at any one (1) Board meeting.
- Each speaker coming before the Board is limited to one (1) presentation per specific agenda item before the Board, and to one (1) presentation per meeting on non-agenda matters.
- The 3 (three) minutes time allotted for speaking per topic is only allotted for the individual whose name is on the Public Comment Card that is submitted at the beginning of the meeting. No speaker can yield their 3 (three) minutes or a portion of their 3 (three) minutes to another speaker.
- Roberts Rules of Order, 11th ed. Section 43: In the case of a public meeting wherein public comment is allowed, "debate" would include public comments as discussion and "member" would include members of the public. Rights in regard to debate are not transferable. Unless the organization has a special rule on the subject, a member cannot yield any unexpired portion of his time to another member, or reserve any portion of his time for a later time.

**REFERENCES/
AUTHORITY:**

California Government Code Sections 54950, et seq.

California Education Code Section 72121.5

Roberts Rules of Order, 11th ed. Section 43

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