## **Administrative Procedure**

## Chapter 2 – Board of Trustees

## AP 2345 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

In accordance with Education Code Section 72121.5, members of the public are invited to participate in the governance system of the District by utilizing the Public Comment section of the Board meeting agenda.

Public comment on items listed on the Board meeting agenda shall be heard at the time the item is discussed and prior to Board action on the item.

Public comment on matters not listed on the Board meeting agenda may do so during the Public Comments section of the Board meeting for Regular Board meetings only; for Special Meetings and Retreats, comments are only allowed for items on the posted agenda. In accordance with Education Code Section 72121.5, the Board shall take no action on such matters, other than an action of referral.

Public comments shall be limited to five minutes (a total of twenty minutes on the same subject) unless this time limit is waived by action of the Board. A member of the public who utilizes a translator may have twice the allotted time, to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the Board of Trustees.

**Reference:** Education Code Section 72121.5;

Government Code Section 54954.2

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(This is a new procedure)