

<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS AT BOARD MEETINGS</b>	<b>1605</b>
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Persons may speak to the Board of Trustees either on an agenda item or on other matters of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

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

The Board President may rule members of the public out of order if:

- Remarks do not pertain to matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board;
- Remarks are unduly repetitive;
- Remarks in public meetings are on charges or complaints which the Board has scheduled to consider in closed session;
- Profanity, obscenity and other offensive language is used;
- Physical violence and/or threats of physical violence is directed towards any person or property.

Removal from the meeting room if actions render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible. Before removal, a warning and a request that the person(s) curtail the disruptive activity will be made by the Board President. If the behavior continues, the person(s) may be removed by a vote of the Board, based on a finding of violation of this policy, and that such activity is intentional and has substantially impaired the conduct of the meeting;

If order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the Board may order the meeting room cleared and may continue in session. The Board shall only consider matters appearing on the agenda. Representatives of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this rule.

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 Government Code Section 3547 and the policies of this Board implementing that section;

At the beginning of the meeting at which they wish to speak, individuals shall complete a written request to address the Board on items not on the agenda. 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;

Members of the public may not speak without being recognized by the Board President;

Each speaker will be allowed a maximum number of normally three minutes per topic. Normally 20 minutes shall be the maximum time allotment for public speakers on any one subject regardless of the number of speakers at any one Board meeting. At the discretion of a majority of the Board, these time limits may be extended;

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.

Reference: Gov Code 54950, et seq.; Ed Code 72121.5  
CCLC 2350

(Board Approval: 10/1/03)

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CUESTA COLLEGE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

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