Glendale Community College District

## 2345

**Board Policy** 

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Trustees (Board) shall provide opportunities for members of the general public to participate in the business of the Board.

There shall be designated times at each regularly scheduled board meeting for the general public to discuss items on the agenda or not on the agenda. Oral presentations relating to a matter on the agenda, including those on consent, shall be heard before a vote is called on the item.

Not more than a total of five minutes may be allotted to each speaker per board meeting. No more than twenty minutes will be allocated to public comment on any agenda or non-agenda item, except by unanimous consent of the Board. A speaker's time may not be transferred to another speaker.

Individuals wishing to speak to the Board at a Board of Trustees meeting during Comments from the Audience regarding item(s) on the agenda or non-agenda items must first complete a speaker's card with name, address, name of organization (if applicable) and the agenda item or topic on which a comment is to be made. A speaker must fill out a separate speaker card for each agenda item and non-agenda item the person wishes to speak on.

When possible, speakers will be called on in the order in which the cards are received, unless several speakers are speaking on the same issue. In that case, the speakers may be grouped together.

If any person requests an opportunity to present complaints to the Board about a specific employee, such complaints shall first be presented to the Superintendent/President. Notice shall be given to the employee against whom the charges or complaints are directed. If the complaint is not resolved at the administrative level, the matter shall be scheduled for a closed session of the Board. The employee shall be given at least twenty-four (24) hours written notice of the closed session, and shall be given the opportunity to request that the complaint be heard in an open meeting of the Board. After hearing from the affected employee, the Board may recess to closed session for deliberations and action.

## Reference:

- Government Code Sections 54950 et seq., 54954.3, 54957.5
- Education Code 72121.5

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