
**Kern Community College District
Board Policy
Chapter 2 – Board of Trustees**

BP 2350 SPEAKERS

References:

Education Code Section 72121.5;
Government Code Sections 54950 et seq.

Note: ~~This policy is legally required.~~

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.

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 designed 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 matter 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 Government Code Section 3547 and the policies of this Board implementing that section.
- A speaker shall complete a written request to address the Board prior to 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 five minutes per topic. Twenty 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 times 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.