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4 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**
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7 A. The Board acknowledges that Education Code Section 72121.5 authorizes members of the
8 public to place matters directly related to the business of the District on the agenda of
9 regular open Board meetings, and authorizes members of the public to address the Board
10 regarding these or other matters on the agenda before or during their consideration by the
11 Board at a regular open Board meeting. Members of the public are not authorized to place
12 matters on the notice for a special Board meeting, but may address the Board regarding
13 matters placed on the notice for a special Board meeting by the District.
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15 Any member of the public who desires to place a matter on the agenda of a regular open
16 Board meeting shall notify the Chancellor in writing at least ten (10) calendar days before
17 any such regular meeting. The written notification shall identify the specific matter to be
18 placed on the agenda and include relevant background information. The Chancellor shall
19 determine whether the specific matter is directly related to the business of the District and
20 whether it is appropriate for consideration in an open Board meeting. Any decision by the
21 Chancellor not to place requested matter on the agenda might be appealed in writing to the
22 Board.
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24 Any member of the public who wishes to address the Board on any matter on the agenda
25 of a regular open Board meeting or on the notice for a special Board meeting is limited to
26 five (5) minutes unless the time limit is extended by a majority vote of the Board. By a
27 majority vote, the Board may limit the total amount of time to be allowed for comment on
28 any particular item on the agenda.
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- 30 B. The Board acknowledges that Government Code Section 54954.3 requires that every
31 agenda for regular meetings, but not every notice for special meetings, shall provide an
32 opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Board on items of interest to
33 the public that are not on the agenda.
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35 A member of the public who wishes to address the Board on any item not on the agenda
36 is limited to five (5) minutes unless a majority of the Board votes to extend the time limit.
37 The total time for members of the public to speak on the same or a substantially similar
38 subject shall be limited to twenty (20) minutes unless a majority of the Board votes to
39 extend the time limit.
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- 41 C. Members of the public desiring to address the Board that are not listed on the agenda
42 shall complete a card prior to speaking identifying the speaker, the speaker's address,
43 and the topic being addressed. This card shall be presented to the Secretary to the
44 Board after speaking.
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49 Reference:

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51 Education Code §§ 72120, 72121.5, 72122, 72125, 72126, 72129, 72130, 72131, 72132, and 85003
52 Government Code §§ 7130, 54954.554957, and 54957.6
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