Governing Board

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

References: Education Code 72121.5; Government Code Sections 54950 et seq. (The Brown Act)

All persons wishing to speak to the Governing Board are subject to the following:

- 1. At each public Governing Board meeting, the order of business will be suspended as indicated on the meeting agenda to allow the Board to hear "Oral Communications."
- 2. Persons wishing to speak shall complete a card entitled "Request for Oral Communications." This card must contain the speaker's name and organizational affiliation, if any; and the agenda item or non-agendized matter to be addressed.
 - a. For persons wishing to speak on a non-agendized matter, this card must be completed and in the hands of the Secretary of the Board prior to the close of the "Oral Communications" period;
 - b. For persons wishing to speak to a specific agenda item, this card must be completed and in the hands of the Secretary of the Board prior to the beginning of discussion on that agenda item.
- 3. The President of the Governing Board will determine the order in which individuals speak. When a person's name is called, he or she shall go to the public microphone, state name and organization, if any, and proceed with comments.
- 4. No member of the public may speak without being recognized by the President of the Governing Board.
- 5. The President of the Governing Board may rule any speaker out of order if his or her remarks do not pertain to matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board or if the remarks are unduly repetitive.
- 6. Non-scheduled substitutes may not speak in place of scheduled speakers unless alternates have been submitted on the original request.
- 7. A maximum of three minutes is allowed for each presentation; however, the Governing Board reserves the option of limiting communications further, consistent with the limitations of time and the orderly conduct of the meeting. The granting of additional time for a presentation must be reserved as a prerogative of the Governing Board. Each speaker coming before the Governing Board is limited to one presentation per specific agenda item, and to one presentation per meeting on non-agenda matters.