

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 or during the board's consideration of the matter.

Persons wishing to speak to matters not on the agenda shall do so at the time designated at the meeting for public comment.

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

- A. They shall complete a written request to address the board at the beginning of the meeting at which they wish to speak.
- B. The request shall include a statement noting the agenda item or topic to be addressed. It may also include the person's name and name of the organization or group represented, if any, but is not required to include this information.
- C. No member of the public may speak without being recognized by the president of the board.
- D. Comments from members of the public shall not exceed three (3) minutes unless the time limit is waived by the board. The board may also limit the total amount of time for speakers on a particular topic to fifteen (15) minutes, unless the time limit is waived by the board.
- E. 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 nonagenda matters.
- F. The president of the board may rule members of the public out of order if their remarks do not pertain to matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the board or if their remarks are unduly repetitive.
- G. Nonscheduled substitutes may not speak in place of scheduled speakers unless alternates have been submitted on the original request.
- H. 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 the board implementing that section.