The Board shall provide opportunities for members of the public to participate in the business of the Board.

Procedure:

The following process guidelines shall be followed by members of the Board to allow public participation: public who wish to speak to the Board on any topic:

A. Sequence of Events

The sequence for Board consideration of an agenda item is as follows:

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1. The person(s) identified on the agenda will make the presentation.
2. The Board Chair will open the discussion to hear public comment.
3. Public comments are to be directed to the Board.
4. The Board Chair will close the public discussion.
5. The Board will discuss the topic and take action as it deems appropriate.

B. Items not on the Board Agenda

1. A time will be provided on the agenda for general public comment at each Board meeting.

B. Time Limits (applicable to sections “C” and “D”)

1. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes per topic.
2. A speaker’s time may not be transferred to another speaker.
3. Time limits per speaker may be shortened and/or a maximum time allotment for public comment may be imposed by the Board Chair if a large number of people wish to address the topic. The Board Chair also may request that speakers identify themselves as for or against a proposed action so speakers can be alternated, pro and con.
C. Speaking to Items on the Board Agenda

Members of the public wishing to speak to the Board regarding action items on the agenda are subject to the following provisions:

1. Members of the public should complete and submit a written request form to the Chancellor or designee and identify the item, and list the speaker’s name, address and organizational affiliation, if any.

2. Members of the public may speak to the Board on specific agenda items after being recognized by the Chair of the Board and before formal Board discussion.

3. Each speaker coming before the Board is limited to one presentation per agenda item.

D. Speaking to Information Items and Items not on the Board Agenda

Members of the public wishing to speak to the Board regarding items not on the agenda are subject to the following provisions:

1. Members of the public should complete and submit a written request form to the Chancellor or designee, and identify the item, and list the speaker’s name, address and organizational affiliation, if any.

2. Members of the public may speak to the Board regarding items not on the agenda during the “Comments from the Public” section of the agenda after being recognized by the Chair of the Board.

3. All comments must be related to the business of the Board.

4. Each speaker coming before the Board is limited to one presentation per meeting on non-agenda items.

5. No action will be taken by the Board, at this time, on items not on the agenda.

If requested, writings that are public records shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats so as to be accessible to persons with a disability. **Cross reference: YCCD Policy 2350**

References:

Government Code Section 54950, et seq., 54954.3, 54957.5; Education Code 72121.5

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