BOARD POLICY 132

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SPEAKERS

Persons may speak to the Board either on an agenda item or on other matters of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board at the time designated at the meeting for public comment.

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.

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

a) The Board President 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 or if remarks consist of personal attacks on others.

b) Non-scheduled substitutes may not speak in place of scheduled speakers unless alternates have been submitted on the original request or at the discretion of the presiding officer.

c) 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.

d) Individuals wishing to address the Board will be given an opportunity prior to adjournment to closed session and also prior to discussion of action items at the regular, special or emergency meeting.

e) They shall complete a public speaker form to address the Board at the beginning of the meeting at which they wish to speak and shall submit the request to the Board's Executive Assistant.

f) The request may include the person's name and name of the organization or group represented, if any, and shall include a statement noting the agenda item or topic to be addressed.

g) No member of the public may speak without being recognized by the Board President.

h) Each speaker will be allowed two (2) minutes per topic. The maximum time allotment for public speakers on any one subject regardless of the number of speakers at any one board meeting will appear on the agenda. At the discretion of a majority of the Board, these time limits may be extended.

i) 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.

Reference:

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