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4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETINGS
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7 A. Placement of Items on Agenda
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9 The Board acknowledges that Education Code Section 72121.5 authorizes members of the
10 public to place matters directly related to the business of the District on the agenda of Board
11 meetings, and authorizes members of the public to address the Board regarding these or
12 other matters on the agenda before or during their consideration by the Board.
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14 Members of the public are not authorized to place matters on the notice for a special Board
15 meeting but may address the Board regarding matters placed on the notice for a special
16 Board meeting by the District.
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18 Any member of the public who desires to place a matter on the agenda of a regular Board
19 meeting shall notify the Chancellor in writing at least ten calendar days before any such
20 regular meeting. The written notification shall identify the specific matter to be placed on
21 the agenda and include relevant background information. The Chancellor shall determine
22 whether the matter is directly related to the business of the District.
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24 B. Public Comments
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26 Any member of the public who wishes to address the Board on any matter on the agenda
27 of a regular Board meeting or on the notice for a special Board meeting is limited to five
28 minutes per person and 20 minutes per agenda item unless the time limit is extended by a
29 majority vote of the Board.
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31 The Board acknowledges that the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54954.3,
32 requires that every agenda for regular meetings, but not every notice for special
33 meetings, shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the
34 Board on items of interest to the public that are not on the agenda.
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36 A member of the public who wishes to address the Board on an item not on the agenda,
37 but related to the business of the District, is limited to five minutes unless a majority of the
38 Board votes to extend the time limit. The total time for members of the public to speak on
39 the same or a substantially similar subject shall be limited to twenty minutes unless a
40 majority of the Board votes to extend the time limit.
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42 Members of the public desiring to address the Board shall complete and submit a Public
43 Comment card.
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45 As a matter of law, members of the Board may not discuss or respond to public
46 comments unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion or action in Open
47 Session.
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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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