

Southwestern Oregon Community College

BP 2345 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings

Purpose:

To define and establish public participation in meetings of the Board of Education.

Statement

There will be a time at each regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting for the general public to address the Board of Education in person regarding items not on the agenda. Persons may speak to the Board of Education either on an agenda item or on other matters of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Education by following BP2350 – Speakers. Oral testimony may also be submitted by telephone, video, or other electronic or virtual means when it is reasonably possible for the Board to provide these options.

Members of the public also may submit written communications, including by email or other electronic means, to the Board of Education on items on the agenda or speak to agenda items at the Board of Education meeting. Written communication regarding items on the Board of Education's agenda should reach the office of the President not later than the Friday prior to the Board of Education meeting at which the matter concerned is to be before the Board of Education so that the Board is able to consider the submitted testimony in a timely manner. All such written communications shall be dated and signed by the author, and shall contain the residence or business address of the author and the author's organizational affiliation, if any.

Claims for damages are not considered communications to the Board of Education under this policy, but shall be submitted to the College.

References:

ORS 192.630

ORS 192.670

OAR 199-050-0050

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