

# Southwestern Oregon Community College

## BP2350 Speakers to the Board of Education

### **Purpose:**

To define speaker participation during the public comment portion of a regular meeting of the Board of Education.

### **Statement**

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. Persons wishing to speak to the Board of Education shall do so at the time designated at the meeting for public comment.

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

- The Chair of the Board of Education 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 of Education or if their remarks are unduly repetitive.
- Non-scheduled substitutes may not speak in place of scheduled speakers unless alternates have been submitted on the original request.
- Speakers must sign in and identify the agenda item they wish to address. The request shall include the person's name, name of organization or group represented. If any item or items are not specified on the sign in sheet for public comment, the Board Chair will decline to acknowledge the speaker.
- No member of the public may speak without being recognized by the Chair of the Board of Education.
- Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of two minutes per speaker. Thirty minutes shall be the maximum time allotment for public speakers at any one Board of Education meeting. At the discretion of a majority of the Board of Education these time limits may be changed.
- Speakers may offer criticism of College operations and programs related to agenda items or that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Education; complaints concerning individual personnel shall be referred to the President, and will only be addressed by the Board of Education if needed as permitted by Oregon law consistent with BP2315 – Closed/Executive Sessions.

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