

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

A-25a PROCEDURE Board Meetings Rights of the Public

Recognizing the need to conduct the public business of the College in public, the Board is committed to observe and comply with the Public Meeting Law ([§ 24-1412](#))

Public Attendance at Board Meetings

Except for closed sessions, the public has a right to attend all meetings of the Board of Governors and the Board encourages such attendance.

Videotaping, Televising, Photographing, Broadcasting, and Recording Meetings of the Board of Governors

Subject to the Open Meetings Act, and the limitations contained in applicable policies and procedures, all meetings of the Board other than closed sessions may be videotaped, televised, photographed, broadcast, or recorded by any person in attendance by means of a tape recorder, a camera, video equipment, or any other means of pictorial or sonic reproduction in writing. Provided, however, that Board Chair and the College President and his designees are authorized to issue reasonable directives to ensure that such activities will not interfere with the orderly conduct of the meetings such meeting is held without items on the agenda.

Ensuring Access to Board Meetings; Accommodations Relating to the Public's Right to See and Hear

The Board shall not hold a meeting in a place known to be too small to accommodate the anticipated audience. However, it will not be a violation of this policy for the Board to hold a meeting in any of its traditional meeting places. The Board shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at a meeting.

Required Decorum at Board Meetings

Except as otherwise provided by this policy, the right to address the Board at its meetings is limited to members of the Board; members of the SCC administration, legal counsel, and other persons who have been authorized to address the Board by the Board Chair, the President and his designees. Persons in attendance at meetings of the Board may not engage in any activity that actually disrupts, disturbs, or

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attendance may not engage in the use of physical force of any kind nor threaten the use of physical force. In order to expedite the business of the Board, the posting or display of signs during a meeting of the Board is prohibited. All members of the audience must remain in designated seating areas.

Public Comment

Public Comment will be scheduled at some Board of Governor meetings. The following rules apply to the Public Comment agenda item at Board Meetings and Public Hearings:

1. Public Comment will be permitted only at those meetings with respect to which Public Comments is listed as an agenda item.
2. During the Public Comment periods, speakers may address the Board only on those matters with respect to which the Board has decision-making authority or which impact the institution in a substantial and material way.
3. Persons speaking during Public Comment will be called forward individually by the Board Chair to the location identified for such purpose in the order in which they have signed. Persons who have signed in to address the Board may do so only when they have been called forward and seated at the location referred to in this paragraph.
4. A time limit of five minutes will be allotted for any speaker unless at the commencement of the Public Comment agenda item the Chair sets a different reasonable timeframe to be allotted for speakers in order to accommodate the number of persons who have signed in as specified herein.
5. Each speaker may speak only once at each meeting at which Public Comment is allowed. Speakers may not reserve time to speak a second time and may not yield unused time to another speaker.
6. In order to be called forward to address the Board during Public Comment, each person wishing to speak must sign in by writing his or her name on the sign-in sheet.

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the Board.

10. The Board Chair may discourage speakers from engaging in ad hominem attacks including but not limited to such attacks against Board members and college administrators, faculty, and staff.