Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Open meeting agendas will have a section entitled "Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda" as follows:

"Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda: Members of the audience may address the Board of Trustees on any topic that is not on the agenda so long as the topic is within the jurisdiction of the district. Under the Brown Act, the board is not permitted to engage in public discussion or take any action on an item not on the agenda, except that members of the board may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Government Code §54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, a member of the board may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on their own activities. Furthermore, the superintendent/president may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, or request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per agenda item and a total of fifteen (15) minutes of public comment on an item, unless time limits are waived or extended by a majority of the board."

Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

Open meeting agendas will contain a statement before “action items” for public comments on items on the agenda to say:

"Public Comments on Items on the Agenda. Members of the audience may address the Board of Trustees on any item listed on the agenda before consideration of the item.

Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per agenda item and a total of fifteen (15) minutes of public comment on an item, unless time limits are waived or extended by a majority of the board.

Consent calendar items are considered to be routine and customary district business and are voted on in one vote. However, a board member or a member of the audience may request that an item listed on the consent calendar be removed and considered individually."
Declare Need for Closed Session

Open-meeting agendas will have a section entitled: “Declare Need for Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957.7. Members of the public may address the board on closed-session items. Each speaker will be permitted to speak for three (3) minutes per item, unless the board consents to a different time allocation.”

Reports on Action Taken in Closed Session

Open meeting agendas will have a section for closed-session reports: “Board president report on any action taken in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54957.1.”