TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Agenda page and accompanying resolutions have been prepared well in advance of the regularly schedule meeting of the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Community College District. Please note that Resolution are subject to amendment and replacement.

Members of the public shall have an opportunity to speak in accordance with Government Code 54954.3 and Education Code 72121.5.

You should be aware of the following (Government Code § 54954.2):

1. Additional agenda items to be acted upon by the Board may be posted at 33 Gough street and in the lobby of Conlan Hall at the Phelan Campus at least 72 hours in advance of the regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Resolutions may also be available at the time of posting, but if not, such resolutions will be available at the Board Meeting.

2. Additional agenda items and resolutions, although not posted as in paragraph 1 above, may still be acted upon by the board at the regular meeting:
   
   a) Upon a determination by a majority vote of the Board that an emergency situation exists, as defined in Government Code § 54956.5. Emergency is defined as work stoppage or other activity which severely impairs public health, safety, or both as determined by a majority of the members of the Board, OR crippling disaster which severely impairs public health, safety or both, as determined by a majority vote of the members of the Board, OR

   b) Upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board present at the meeting or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the District subsequent to the agenda being posted 72 hours in advance of the Board Meeting, OR

   c) The Item was posted 72 hours in advance of a prior meeting of the Board occurring not more than five calendar days prior to the date action is taken on the item, and at the prior meeting the item was continued to the meeting at which action is being taken.
For Members of the Public:

To facilitate the conduct of business at Board meetings, the following information has been taken from the District's Policy Manual concerning the conduct of Board Meetings.

From PM 1.05 A:

The order of business may be revised at any meeting when, in the discretion of the President, such revision will benefit the public and/or order of the meeting.

From PM 1.05 L:

L. Granting the Privilege of the Floor. A person desiring to speak shall be recognized by the Chair only after complying with the following procedures:

For matters appearing on the agenda, an individual desiring to address the Board must complete a "Request to Address Board" card, completing the information thereon including the subject to be addressed. If there is to be a written report presented, a copy(ies) shall be submitted in advance to the Chancellor.

Any person desiring to address the Board on non-agenda items must also complete the "Request to Address Board" card and will be recognized at the end of the agenda. Only items directly related to District business may be presented.

Cards for these purposes are available in the Office of the Chancellor and also at the Board meeting. Completed cards should be presented to the Board President prior to the beginning of the meeting. As a matter of courtesy, the Board encourages people to notify the Chancellor's Office in advance of the Board meeting of their intention to address the Board. Prior to calling for a vote on an item before the Board, the Presiding Officer shall determine if speaker cards have been submitted for that item. Persons who have submitted cards prior to the consideration of the item shall be called upon by the Presiding Officer. Persons who address the Board may address only the agenda item being considered and shall have up to three minutes for comments. Should another person who has submitted a request to speak card in advance of consideration of the item wish to forego speaking on that item, he or she may grant his or her speaking time to another speaker who has also submitted a request to speak card, but in no event shall any speaker have more than two allotments (totaling up to six minutes) of speaker time on any item. However, in order to facilitate the completion of District business, the Presiding Officer may also limit the total length of time allotted to the speakers on a given topic or agenda item which may reduce the individual speaker’s time on that topic or item. Speaking too long, being unduly repetitious, or discussing irrelevancies disrupt the meeting, and may result in the forfeiture of speaking opportunities during that meeting.
No oral presentation shall include charges or complaints against any employee of the Board, or otherwise present information, which does not relate directly to the topic at hand or which disrupts or impedes the meeting. All formal charges or complaints against employee, for which a specific grievance or complaint process is not otherwise available, shall be in writing and signed by the person making the charge and shall be filed with the Chancellor who shall, after investigation, take or recommend appropriate action. There shall be no oral presentation or discussion of confidential formal charges or complaints in open public meetings of the Board on non-agenda items or unless otherwise required by law.

The President of the Board reserves the right of determining the order of the speakers and changing the order of the agenda if it will be of benefit to the public and/or the order of the meeting.

Undue interruptions or other interference's with the orderly conduct of Board business cannot be allowed. Defamatory or abusive personal remarks which disturb or impede the meeting or exceed the bounds of civility necessary to the conduct of District business are always out of order. However, the Board shall not prohibit public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the District, or of the acts or omissions of the Board.

The President may terminate the speaker's privilege of address if after being called to order, he or she persists in improper conduct or remarks, or if the speaker fails to speak on the subject matter for which the privilege of the floor was granted.

Comments or presentations made by members of the public to the Board do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Board or of its individual members, nor does the Board necessarily endorse or sanction such comments or presentations. Persons who address the Board on matters of their choosing are solely responsible for the content of such comments or presentations.