

## **CUSD Governing Board Amended Public Comment Protocols (11/2021)**

The Coronado Unified School District Governing Board is committed to effective governance in fulfilling its required duties in a timely and efficient manner, while ensuring the public has access and opportunity to address the board. The board recognizes and prioritizes the public's right to speak during public meetings.

School Board members are elected with the express purpose of serving as representatives of the community. As individuals, the CUSD trustees are committed to listening to and being accessible to all shareholders on an ongoing basis through multiple methods including email, phone, in-person, and at public events.

The board is only permitted to make budget and policy decisions (necessary to continue uninterrupted service to students) at the one regularly scheduled meeting per month. Legal authority is granted to the board as a whole, not each individual member; therefore, it is essential that the board complete its monthly agendas in a timely manner, with adequate opportunity for discussion and to hear staff presentations and professional expertise that trustees rely on to make decisions.

As such, beginning with the November 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, **protocols for public comment will be as outlined below**. These protocols adhere to Gov. Code 54954(b)(1) and more closely align with other government agency meetings, including the City of Coronado.

### **Agendized items:**

Members of the public wishing to speak before the Board will not be required to fill out a yellow speaker card; anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item shall come forward when that agenda item is called; speakers will queue behind the podium and state their name and city prior to speaking; speakers will have three minutes at the podium and may not yield their time to another speaker; total public input on any one agenda item will be limited to twenty minutes (This time may be extended at the discretion of the Board President.); if there are still speakers after twenty minutes they may submit their comments to the Board in writing at [kmcelligott@coronadousd.net](mailto:kmcelligott@coronadousd.net)

### **Non-agendized and closed session items:**

Anyone wishing to speak to a non-agenda item or a closed session item will be invited to speak at the completion of the entire agenda; speakers will queue behind the podium and state their name and city prior to speaking; each speaker will have three minutes and may not yield their time; total public input at the end of the meeting will be twenty minutes (This time may be extended at the discretion of the Board President.); if there are still speakers after twenty minutes they may submit their comments to the Board in writing at [kmcelligott@coronadousd.net](mailto:kmcelligott@coronadousd.net)