

BOARD BYLAW

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Bylaws of the Board

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR LARGE DELEGATIONS

The following procedures shall be followed by the Board of Education of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District whenever large delegations come before it requesting a hearing regarding a critical issue being decided by the Board.

1. Position of the Board stated: After the meeting has been officially opened, the presiding officer shall briefly state the position of the Board. If official action on the issue has not as yet been taken, the presiding officer may so state and may summarize briefly the arguments for and against the issue to be decided. Other members of the Board may also be heard at this time.
2. Speakers: The clerk of the Board, or the secretary in the clerk's absence, shall secure the names of all those persons wishing to be heard before the Board. Persons not responding to the clerk's request shall not be heard. The presiding officer may set a reasonable time limit for each speaker.
3. Board to answer questions: After the speakers have been heard, the presiding officer shall indicate that questions pertaining directly to the issue involved may be directed to the Board.
4. Action by the Board: Upon a ruling of the presiding officer closing the public discussion, the Board may proceed with its deliberations and take whatever action it deems advisable.
5. Disorderly conduct of general public during meeting; clearing of room: Section 54957.9 of the Government Code is hereby added as Board policy. In the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by a group or groups of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of such meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the members of the legislative body conducting the meeting may order the meeting room cleared and continue in session.

Only matters appearing on the agenda may be considered in such a session. Duly accredited representatives of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this section. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the legislative body from establishing a procedure for readmitting an individual or individuals not responsible for willfully disturbing the orderly conduct of the meeting.

The Board may, at any hearing by a majority vote, take the matter under advisement and continue the hearing from time to time, but not for a period of more than 60 days from the date of the next regular meeting of the Board.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Government Code Section 54957.9

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