

Public participation at regular Socrates Academy Board of Directors meetings

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1. Persons wishing to address the Socrates Academy Board of Directors (BOD) during the Public Forum segment of a BOD meeting must complete the online form (Request to Address the BOD at Public Forum Form) that can be found at _____.
2. The form must be completed and submitted at least five business days before the BOD meeting. If it is sent after this time, the request will be considered for the next BOD meeting.
3. The form will be received by the BOD secretary and the President. Once the request form is received, a designated subset of the BOD will review it and exercise its discretion to approve or not the request. In general, the following topics will not be approved:
 - a. Topics addressing classroom issues and day-to-day operations of the school require a discussion between the requester and the Principal (or Principal's designee) to precede the request. In cases that such discussion has not taken place prior to the request, the Principal will be notified and put in contact with the requester to address the issue. If the issue remains unresolved, the requester will have the option to submit another request to raise the issue in front of the BOD.
 - b. Topics addressing grievances between the requester and another school community party (student, family, teacher, staff member, administration member, BOD member). The requester will be referred to the school's Grievance Policy.
4. Requesters approved to address the Board will be recognized in the order in which requests are received and will have three minutes to address the issue.
5. Requesters addressing the Board must state their name and address and direct their remarks to the Board. The Board members will listen but will not engage in a dialogue with the person.
6. The Board shall have the right to remove any person who through speech or action is disruptive, offensive, or denigrating or otherwise interferes with the meeting.
7. Sensory or mobility impaired persons seeking assistance for participation in any Board meeting should contact the BOD President prior to the meeting.