

SAN DIEGO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED CHANGE TO BY-TRUSTEE-AREA ELECTIONS FOR GOVERNING BOARDS OF LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The recording secretary will tape-record the entire meeting.

Prior to the opening of the public hearing, participants will be asked to provide their names and addresses on an attendance sheet. The completion of the document is voluntary, and all persons may attend the meeting regardless of whether a person signs the sheet.

Persons wishing to address the County Board must complete a blue speaker registration card, indicating whether they wish to support or oppose the proposal. Alternatively, a pink information card can be used to submit comments and/or indicate support or opposition in writing.

The President of the County Board of Education, acting as the County Committee on School District Organization, shall announce the opening of the public hearing and ask all those present and desiring to speak for or against the proposal to turn in a completed speaker card to the recording secretary. Speaker cards will also be collected during the hearing.

1. The order of speakers will be as follows:
 - Spokesperson(s) for the district
 - Individual speakers called from speaker cards in the order submitted
2. The designated spokesperson(s) for the school district shall have 10 minutes for an initial presentation.
3. Individual speakers shall have up to 3 minutes to present testimony. The Board President may reduce the time allotted to each speaker based upon the number of requests to speak. Speakers shall direct all testimony to the County Committee. Individual speakers will be requested to limit remarks to new information regarding the proposal and will not be permitted to cede any of their allotted time to another speaker.
4. County Committee members may address questions through the President to any speaker.
5. When all persons desiring to speak on the proposal have been heard, the President shall declare the public hearing closed.
6. The County Committee on School District Organization will not take action on the proposal to establish by-trustee area elections or the trustee area plan at the public hearing. The proposal will be approved or disapproved on a future date to be determined by the County Committee.