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BOARD MEETINGS NEWS COVERAGE

The Board encourages the press, the media, and all interested individuals to attend Board meetings and to videotape or record all or any part of the open proceedings. To this end, the College District staff shall seek to facilitate all reasonable requests relating to videotaping or recording activities. In accomplishing these goals, the Board does not intend to prevent or unreasonably impair camera coverage or tape recording; however, persons using a tape recorder, video camera, or any other means of electronic reproduction shall abide by the following rules at all Board meetings:

- 1. All equipment that requires setting up must be assembled at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.
- 2. No strobes, flash lighting, or other bright lights that would impair the conduct of the meeting shall be used, unless approval has been obtained from the presiding officer before the meeting.
- 3. The Board proceedings shall not be interrupted for the purpose of accommodating any individual's camera coverage or tape recording. Any interviews during meetings shall be conducted outside of the meeting chamber.
- 4. The presiding officer at the meeting may stop the sound or visual reproduction if the individual operating the equipment or if the equipment itself is being disruptive or in any way interfering with the orderly conduct of the Board meeting.
- 5. Stationary equipment that requires set up shall not be taken down during the course of the meeting but may be removed during a recess or after the meeting is over.
- No tape recorder or video camera will be allowed in the executive or closed sessions, except as may be authorized by the Board.