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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BOARD POLICY
REVISIONS TO B202 (1st Reading)

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REPORT: During a staff review of the 'Citizen Communications with the Board' Section of Board Policy B202, staff noted the policy needed to be explicit with accepted communication around public comment.

Currently, the policy reads:

Citizen Communications with the Board

The Board values input from citizens of Portland Community College District. Citizens wishing to speak on agenda or non-agenda matters shall notify the Board Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting and be heard on the agenda at the time allocated for public comment. Citizens requesting to speak on non-agenda items shall be heard following the Board business agenda. Each citizen will have five minutes to speak on such matters unless the Board requests more information. The Board Secretary will maintain a file of correspondence received from citizens and will ensure that the file is available for Board member review at all times.

PCC administration has suggested the following additions to the policy:

Citizen Communications with the Board

The Board values input from **residents** of Portland Community College District. **Persons** wishing to speak on agenda or non-agenda matters shall notify the Board Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting and be heard on the agenda at the time allocated for public comment. **Persons** requesting to speak on non-agenda items shall be heard following the Board business agenda. **Depending upon**

meeting time restraints, each **person** will have **two to** five minutes to speak on such matters unless the Board requests more information.

Speakers may offer criticisms of district operations and programs that are of concern to them but, in public session, are advised to refrain from personal complaints against school personnel or any person connected with the district. Supporting a collaborative culture of equity, diversity, and inclusion, the Chair is empowered to insure orderly and civil discourse.

The Board Secretary will maintain a file of correspondence received from citizens and will ensure that the file is available for Board member review at all times.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the revisions as submitted for B202.