

**DATE:** March 19, 2024

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Trustee Sawyer, Caucus Committee Chair

**SUBJECT:** Report #10 of the Special Caucus Committee (From the meeting held on March 12, 2024)

**ORIGINATOR:** Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

**REFERENCE:** [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4

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#### ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendation at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

The following recommendations were approved at the March 12, 2024, Special Caucus Committee meeting:

1. Proposed updates to Trustees' Handbook: Speakers

That the following be added to section 5.2.3 Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives: The Chair has full authority to maintain decorum and order of the meeting including interrupting any speaker who makes critical statements about particular individuals or groups of people, whether named or identifiable by the context; ruling the speaker out of order and terminating the speaker's privilege to address the Board of Trustees.

#### BACKGROUND

In an effort to most effectively move forward the work of the Board and provide clarity for Trustees and the public, the Governance and Evaluation Committee put forward a recommended update to the Trustees' Handbook regarding the parameters for speakers at public Board meetings.

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