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**Presentation of Initial Proposals for
Collective Bargaining ~~Proposals~~**

Reference: ***Government Code Section 3547(b)***

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Government Code 3547(b) states: "Meetings and negotiating shall not take place on any proposal until a reasonable time has elapsed after the submission of the proposal to enable the public to become informed and the public has the opportunity to express itself regarding the proposal at a meeting of the public school employer." The phrase "sunshine" is used to reflect Government code 3547(b). The process to "sunshine" a proposal for collective bargaining is as follows:

- The proposal will identify the article, section, or subject to be bargained.
- The proposal from exclusively represented groups or from the District will be sent to the Chancellor at least fourteen calendar days prior to the Districtwide Executive Council meeting.
- The Chancellor's Office will place the proposal on the Governing Board public meeting docket. This is to ensure notice to the public and to provide the opportunity for public comment on the proposal.
- Negotiations may commence on the proposal after the date of the Board meeting that "sunshined" the proposal.