

BOARD MEETINGS  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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(LOCAL)

**Limit on  
Participation**

Audience participation at a Board meeting is limited to the portion of the meeting designated to receive public comment in accordance with this policy. At all other times during a Board meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer.

**Public Comment**

Regular Meetings

At regular Board meetings, public comment shall be limited to items on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

Special Meetings

At all other Board meetings, public comment shall be limited to items on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

Procedures

The Board shall allow public comment regarding an item on an agenda for an open meeting of the Board to address the Board regarding the item at the meeting either before or during the Board's consideration of the item. Generally, public comment shall occur at the beginning of the meeting.

Persons wishing to address the Board during the public comment section of the meeting shall sign up to speak no later than five minutes prior to the posted start time of each meeting using the electronic sign-in process. Members of the public must properly identify the topic to be discussed in the Citizen Participation Form and must include a reference to the agenda item to which the topic relates by the sign-up deadline; otherwise, they shall be deemed not to have met the sign-up deadline and not be permitted to speak during public comment for that meeting.

Any individual requiring an interpreter to address the Board shall be given instructions and the ability to request an interpreter if he or she signs up to speak at least eight hours before the meeting start time.

Except as permitted by this policy and the Board's procedures on public comment, an individual's comments to the Board shall not exceed two minutes per meeting.

Meeting  
Management

Generally, public speakers shall be given two minutes to address the Board. However, when necessary for effective meeting management or to accommodate large numbers of individuals wishing to address the Board, the presiding officer may make adjustments to public comment procedures, including adjusting when public comment will occur during the meeting, reordering agenda items, continuing agenda items to a later meeting, providing expanded opportunity for public comment, or adjusting the time allotted to each speaker. However, no individual shall be given less than one minute to make comments.

**Board's Response**

Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

**Complaints and Concerns**

The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether an individual addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy. If not, the individual shall be referred to the appropriate policy to seek resolution:

- Employee complaints: DGBA
- Student or parent complaints: FNG
- Public complaints: GF

**Disruption**

The Board shall not tolerate disruption of the meeting by members of the audience. If, after at least one warning from the presiding officer, any individual continues to disrupt the meeting by his or her words or actions, the presiding officer may request assistance from law enforcement officials to have the individual removed from the meeting.