

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board will accept comment from any interested person on items on an agenda during all public board meetings.

Public comment will be received in the following way:

- a. During Agenda Review sessions – all comments will be taken during the Public Comment section of the agenda;
- b. During Action sessions – public comment on a specific agenda item will be taken at the time the agenda item is being considered by the Board. All other comments will be taken during the Public Comment section of the agenda.
- c. During all other public meetings – all comments will be taken during the Public Comment section of the agenda.

Individuals interested in offering comments to the Board for Work, Agenda Review, or Action Sessions must register online, or by contacting the Board Office by phone or email, not later than noon (12:00pm) on the day of the scheduled meeting. Required registration information shall include the name, contact information, and the topic to be discussed.

Public comments are subject to the following rules:

- a. At the discretion of the chair, each person will be limited to three (3) minutes to offer comments. Statements will be timed and time limits enforced;
- b. Comments should be directed to the Board collectively, and not to an individual Commissioner. Neither the Board or an individual Commissioner will respond to questions or statements presented;
- c. Statements should not be abusive or disruptive, and should not address a topic that might be of a confidential nature or that would compromise the impartiality of the Board. Notwithstanding, the Board shall not restrict public comment based upon the viewpoints of the commenter.;
- d. The Board Chair shall take action as necessary to enforce these rules and maintain order at the meeting. The Board Chair may abruptly end the comments of anyone that is abusive, fails to restrict their comments to the topic at hand, addresses a topic that is confidential in nature or that might compromise the impartiality of the Board, or that is deemed to be disruptive to the orderly process of the meeting. The Board Chair may further limit the total amount of time devoted to public comment based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the length of the Board's agenda.
- e. The Board will accept written statements as distribute copies to Board members as appropriate.

The provisions of this policy shall be liberally interpreted to give the Board President sufficient flexibility and discretion to conduct meetings of the Board as efficiently and effectively as possible.

ADJOURNMENT