

Hillsborough County Public Schools

Policy Manual

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0169.1 - Public Participation at Board Meetings

The School Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational, financial, administrative, and other issues related to the Board's work.

The Board therefore provides a period for public participation at each public meeting of the Board and publishes rules to govern such participation in Board meetings.

The presiding officer of the meeting shall administer the Board's rules for that participation.

No Board action shall be taken on requests made during public discussion unless the Board declares the matter to be an emergency in accordance with current law. Other issues shall be placed on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.

The Board shall provide one hour for public comment near the beginning of the Board’s agenda for regular Board meetings. Public comment shall be treated equally to the other sections of the agenda and shall be televised if the meeting is being televised. The Board may extend the time allotted for public comment by a vote of the Board. The Chair shall not have the power to limit the amount of time allotted for public comment without a vote of the majority of the Board.

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