### BOARD MEETINGS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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# 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**

At all Board meetings, the Board shall allot time to hear individuals who desire to make comments to the Board.

Individuals who wish to participate during this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic on which they wish to speak.

Except as permitted by this policy and any Board procedures on public comment, no presentation shall exceed three minutes.

## Meeting Management

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 establishing an overall time limit for public comment and adjusting the time allotted to each speaker. However, no individual shall be given less than one minute to make comments.

Such adjustments shall be considered when 20 or more individuals have signed up to speak during the public comment period.

#### 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

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law enforcement officials to have the individual removed from the meeting.

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