

Public Participation at Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board

At each regular and special open meeting, members of the public and District employees may comment to or ask questions of the Board, subject to reasonable constraints.

To provide sufficient time for the Board to conduct its business, individuals appearing before the Board are expected to follow these guidelines:

1. Address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
2. Identify oneself and be brief. Ordinarily, comments shall be limited to three minutes.
3. The maximum period for citizen participation is sixty minutes. If there are more than 20 speakers, the Board President will allocate time among the speakers to ensure that citizen comment does not exceed sixty (60) minutes. If several individuals wish to address the Board on the same subject, the group is encouraged to appoint a spokesperson. Upon a simple majority vote of the Board, the citizen participation time can be extended beyond the 60 minute limit.
4. Observe the Board President's decision to shorten public comment to conserve time and give the maximum number of individuals an opportunity to speak.
5. Observe the Board President's decision to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise covered in Board policy.
6. Conduct oneself with respect and civility toward others.

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