

**Limit on  
Participation**

Audience participation at a Board meeting is limited to the open forum portion of the meeting designated for that purpose. 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 where action is taken, the Board shall allot 30 minutes to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee at least 15 minutes before the meeting begins. Speakers shall provide their first and last name and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. Those patrons who do not provide their first and last names shall not be allowed to speak.

No presentation shall exceed three minutes, and only the first 20 speakers who sign up or their designee shall be allowed to speak. Delegations of more than five persons are encouraged to appoint one person to present their views before the Board. Speakers may address the Board on agenda items presented to the Board for consideration. As a speaker's name is called, only one person may approach the podium microphone and address the Board. A registered speaker must personally make his or her presentation during the designated time. Any registered presenter who is absent from the meeting or attempts to allow another person to present for him or her shall forfeit the opportunity to address the Board at that meeting.

A member of the public who addresses the body through a translator shall be given no more than six minutes in order to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to address the Board.

Board's Response

The Board shall allow public comment on Board business; however, the Board shall not resolve disputes nor answer questions. Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or respond to patrons regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. Trustees may, but are not required to, respond with discussion on posted agenda items at the time and in the order the agenda item is posted for consideration.

**Criticism,  
Complaints and  
Concerns**

The Board shall allow public discussion, praise, and criticism of the Board and Board business. The Board is the District's governing body, which can only act by a majority vote at a publicly posted meeting. Discussion may be of any District or Board act, omission, policy, procedure, program, service, or agenda item; however, this

does not apply to public criticism that is otherwise prohibited by law, such as individuals.

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

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

### **Disruption**

It shall be the intent of the District and the expectations of the community to expect that all Board meetings be conducted in accordance with proper decorum and be civil, peaceful, and professional. 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 person 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 person removed from the meeting.

Members of the news media and their equipment shall remain in a specific area in the Board room or Board meeting site. A person who ignores the request to remain in the area designated for news media representatives may be removed.

### **Public Hearings**

The Board may hold a public hearing in which any interested person shall be allowed to present information on the topic of the hearing with a specified time allotment.