



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Board recognizes its responsibility to conduct the business of the district in an orderly and efficient manner and will therefore require reasonable controls to regulate public presentation to the Board. A person wishing to be heard by the Board at a meeting shall first be recognized by the President. He/she shall then identify him/herself and proceed with their comments as briefly as the subject permits. The President is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as the time to be allowed for public discussion, the appropriateness of the subject being presented and the suitability of the time for such a presentation. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

The following procedures shall be followed by the Board whenever large delegations come before it at a hearing regarding a critical issue being decided by the Board.

1. Position of the Board states: After the meeting has been officially opened, the President of the Board shall briefly state the position of the Board and give reasons therefore. If official action on the issue has not as yet been taken, the President may so state and summarize briefly the arguments for and against the issue to be decided. Other members of the Board may also be heard at this time.
2. Speakers for and against the issue: The Clerk of the Board shall secure the names of all those persons wishing to be heard before the Board. Those desiring to speak shall indicate whether they are for or against the issue resolved. Persons not responding to the Clerk's request shall not be heard.

The President may set a reasonable time limit for each speaker.

3. Board to answer questions: After the speakers for and against the issue have been heard, the President shall indicate that questions pertaining directly to the issue resolved may be directed to the Board.

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4. Action by the Board: Upon a ruling by the President closing the public discussion, the Board may proceed with its deliberations and take whatever action it deems advisable. The Board should not discuss or set upon any item of business not included in the public notice of that board meeting.

Legal Reference(s): 19.83 (2)

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