

Public participation rules:

To permit fair and orderly public expression, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every regular meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation.

Speakers will be required to print their name, address and the topic to be addressed on the appropriate form. Forms will be used to call speakers to the podium and to assist in the accuracy of recording the Board's proceedings.

Each registered speaker may address the Board on educational issues and District related matters that concern them. A District related matter is an issue or topic relevant to the operation or governance of the District.

The presiding officer shall be guided by and administer the following rules relating to public comment:

1. Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name; or address; and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
2. Each speaker shall be limited to a three (3) minute statement, unless the time is reduced due to the size of the group speaking on the same topic or because the business of the board is impeded by lengthy public comment on non-agenda items.
3. Speakers shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff, other speakers or persons attending a meeting.
4. The presiding officer may:
 - a. interrupt, warn, or terminate a speaker's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
 - b. reduce the amount of time and/or adjourn public comment on non-agenda items to another meeting whenever circumstances warrant, including the length of a meeting agenda, a large number of persons wishing to speak on the same issue, or other similar reason impeding the business of the board or preventing the conclusion of a meeting at a reasonable time;
 - c. request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
 - d. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
 - e. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
 - f. suspend or modify the rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the administration of the Board's business.