

POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS

POLICY TITLE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of School Trustees recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on Corporation matters. To permit fair and orderly public expression, the presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall follow the following procedures:

- A. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business established in the meeting's agenda.
- B. Anyone from the public wishing to address the Board during public expressions must sign up to speak before the meeting the night of the meeting.
- C. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by the announcement of their name, address and/or group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- D. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration.
- E. All statements shall be directed to the Board presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
- F. The presiding officer may:
 - 1. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a person's statement when the statement is too lengthy, a personal complaint against a student, employee, or school official, or about a District policy or procedure, or the application thereof, that has not been addressed through the District's complaint process and procedures, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;

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2. Request any person to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
 3. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when the person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
 4. 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;
 5. Waive these rules with the approval of the Board when necessary for the protection of privacy or the administration of the Board's business.
- G. The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited shall be limited to thirty (30) total minutes, unless extended by a vote of a majority of the Board members present.