

Policy on Public Participation in Library Board Meetings

1. Persons wishing to address the Library Board must request time for such in writing at least one (1) week in advance of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board or at least 24 hours in advance of a called meeting. Such requests may be addressed either to the Board Chair or to the Library Director. Persons speaking to the Board are limited to five (5) minutes.
3. The total time allotted for general public comments will not exceed thirty (30) minutes.
2. By a majority vote the Board may allow public comment on an agenda item at the time the item is being considered by the Board. Such comments shall be limited to the subject being considered. Members of the public may speak for five (5) minutes and may speak only once. These limits may be waived by a majority vote of the Board. The chairman must recognize anyone wishing to speak before addressing the Board. The total time allotted for public comments on an agenda item will not exceed thirty (30) minutes.
4. No person who signs up to address the Board may pass their time to someone else.
5. An individual may address the Board only once during any meeting. Groups are encouraged to select one person to speak on behalf of the group.
6. Anyone addressing the Board must begin by identifying themselves by full name and address.
7. Trustees may ask clarifying questions but will not engage in conversation or respond to questioning during the public comment session.
8. No vote or other action will be taken on any topic raised in public comments at the meeting in which the comments are made. All comments will be given due consideration, but no services will be halted and no collection items will be removed or restricted while the issue is under consideration.