

SCHOOL BOARD BYLAWS

Public Comments at School Board Meetings

A. Presentations to the School Board

The School Board shall, in open session at regular School Board meetings, accept public comment on matters germane to the business of the School Board. Public comment shall be conducted under the agenda topics "Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Informal Meeting and Non-Agenda Items" and "Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Formal Agenda Items" at each regular School Board meeting at such time as the School Board determines ~~in its Standing Rules~~. Speakers shall have the opportunity to speak one time on either Formal Agenda or Non-Agenda items at each meeting. During "Hearings of Citizens and Delegations on Formal Agenda Items" speakers may only address items on the Formal Agenda for that meeting. School Board Workshop items are considered Informal Meeting items.

B. Advance Request Procedure

Citizens wishing to speak during the Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Informal Meeting and Non-Agenda Items or Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Formal Agenda Items portion of a regular School Board meeting are encouraged to sign up with the Clerk by noon on the day of the regular meeting. Citizens shall be called to speak in the order in which they have signed up with the Clerk; however, the School Board reserves the right to alter the order of speakers. The time available for the hearings of citizens and delegations at a School Board meeting on either Non-Agenda or Formal Agenda items is set by the Standing Rules but may be altered by the School Board.

C. Time Limitations

Citizens addressing the School Board shall limit their remarks to four (4) minutes unless otherwise modified by ~~order of~~ the Chair. The Chair shall, with assistance from the Clerk, consistently monitor and enforce the limitation.

D. Public Hearing

When the School Board has scheduled a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment, the School Board shall accept comment only on the topic(s) for which the public hearing was called. The School Board Chair or the Superintendent or designee may create procedures to address the orderly presentation of speakers. All other Bylaws applicable to individuals or groups appearing before the School Board shall apply to public hearings.

Legal Reference

Code of Virginia § 22.1-79, as amended. Powers and duties.

Related Links

School Board [Bylaw 1-48](#).

School Board Bylaws [Appendix B](#).

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