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Speaker Signup

Individuals who wish to provide public comment or testimony to the Board at the designated time during a Board meeting must sign up in advance of the Board meeting by presenting their name, address, and agenda item to be discussed to the President of the Board or designee on the form provided prior to the opening of the meeting. When an individual signs up, the individual must indicate which item on the Board agenda they wish to address. An individual who will be accompanied by a translator must notify the District at the time of signup.

If an agenda item is continued or posted again for a meeting on a later date, individuals who wish to address the Board on the item must sign up separately for that later date.

Topic of Public Comment

At all meetings, public comments are limited to items on the posted meeting notice and agenda.

Time for Public Comment

Generally, the Board will conduct public comment at the beginning of its Board meetings.

However, in the interest of time and the orderly conduct of public business, the Board reserves the right to:

- Increase or decrease the per-speaker time limit to address the Board.
- Move comment on non-agenda topics to the end of the meeting.
- Take items in a different order than shown on the meeting notice.
- Proceed first with agenda items for which no speakers have registered to provide comment.
- Recommend that comments involving the performance of individual District employees or officers be made through the grievance policy.
- Require that comments involving personally identifiable student information be made through the grievance policy.
- Continue a meeting or an agenda item to another day in order to allow adequate time for public comment.
- Make other reasonable adjustments to the timing of public comment in accordance with law.

The Board delegates to its presiding officer the authority to make reasonable adjustments to the timing and conduct of public comment in accordance with law. [See BDAA]

The presiding officer will announce these adjustments in an open meeting.

Per-Speaker Time Limit

A speaker will be given up to 45 minutes to address the Board. Individual presentations shall be limited to three minutes. If, however, the total number of speakers seeking to address the Board at a meeting exceeds 10, the per-speaker time limit may be reduced. In no event will a speaker be given less than one minute to address the Board. A speaker who wishes to address multiple agenda items may be given one minute as additional time to address the Board.

Exhibit B—Sample Statement for Introducing the Public Comment Segment of a Board Meeting

The Board encourages comments about the District from members of the public. Anyone who has signed up to speak in advance of the meeting in accordance with the Board procedures may do so at this time. The Board asks that each participant's comments pertain to District business and be no longer than 3 5 minutes.

When necessary for effective meeting management or to accommodate large numbers of individuals wishing to address the Board, the presiding officer may make adjustments to public comment procedures such as the following:

Due to the large number of individuals wishing to speak tonight and in the interest of time, the following adjustments to the public comment procedures will apply: The per speaker time limit may be reduced. In no event will a speaker be given less than one minute to address the Board.

“For any member of the public who is accompanied by a translator, your time will be doubled as required by law.”

Remember that the Board may not discuss or act upon any issues that are not posted on our agenda.

In addition, the Board has adopted policies to provide prompt and equitable resolution of complaints and concerns for employees, students or their parents, and the general public. Copies of our District policies and procedures on public comment and filing complaints are available at <https://www.ectorcountysd.org/domain/125>.

Exhibit C—Public Comment Signup Sheet

Public comment at regular Board meetings will be conducted in accordance with BED(LOCAL) and the Board's procedures on public comment.

At all meetings public comments are limited to items on the posted meeting notice and agenda. In lieu of or in addition to speaking at an open meeting, a member of the public may also submit written comments to the Board regarding District business as follows:

The following guidelines apply to public comment:

1. Individuals must sign up in advance of the Board meeting by presenting their name, address, and agenda item to be discussed to the President of the Board on the form provided prior to the opening of the meeting. When an individual signs up, the individual must indicate which agenda item the comment pertains to. An individual who will be accompanied by a translator must notify the District at the time of signup.
2. If an agenda item is continued or posted again for a meeting on a later date, individuals who wish to address the Board on the item must sign up separately for that later date.
3. The period reserved for public comment at a Board meeting will generally occur at the beginning of the meeting. However, in the interest of time and the orderly conduct of public business, the presiding officer may make adjustments in accordance with the Board's adopted procedures on public comment.
4. A speaker will be given up to 45 minutes to address the Board. If, however, the total number of speakers seeking to address the Board at a meeting exceeds 10, the per-speaker time limit may be reduced. In no event will a speaker be given less than one minute to address the Board. A speaker who wishes to address multiple agenda items may be given more time to address the Board in accordance with the Board's adopted procedures.
5. Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board is not permitted to discuss or act upon any issues that are not posted on the agenda for the meeting.
6. The Board has adopted complaint policies that are designed to secure, at the lowest possible administrative level, a prompt and equitable resolution of complaints and concerns for employees, students or their parents, and the general public. [See DGBA, FNG, and GF] Each of these processes provides that, if a resolution cannot be achieved administratively, the person may appeal the administrative decision to the Board as a properly posted agenda item. For further information on those policies, please contact the Department of School Support at 432-456-0540. If the subject of a speaker's comment involves a pending grievance, the speaker should seek resolution through the grievance process and address the Board only at the appropriate stage of that process.
7. Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board may exercise its authority to discuss certain subject matters on the agenda in closed session, including matters involving individual District staff members and individual students. If a speaker's comment

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concerns one of these subjects, the speaker should address the concern through the District's complaint policies.

8. Rules of order and decorum will be enforced during the public comment period to ensure efficient meetings. Unlawful or disruptive conduct, including interrupting scheduled speakers, speaking out of turn, or interfering with the rights of others, will not be tolerated. Each participant is legally responsible for the content and consequences of his or her own statements.

Please provide the information requested below if you wish to address the Board during the public comment period:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Will you be accompanied by a translator?

- Yes (if known, please provide the name of the translator: _____)
- No