



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

At meetings other than regular Committee meetings, public comments are limited to items on the posted meeting notice and agenda. At regular meetings, comments on other topics may be allowed as time permits. Public comments should be limited to topics relevant to District business.

In lieu of or in addition to speaking at an open meeting, a member of the public may also submit written comments to the Committee regarding District business as follows:

You may submit written comments by email to lmalina@bisdtx.org, or submit by mail to Bastrop ISD Police Department, 1602 Hill Street, Service Road, Bastrop, Texas 78602.

The following guidelines apply to public comment:

1. Individuals must sign up in advance of the Committee meeting by completing the attached form. Signup will open at 4:00 p.m. and close at 4:25 p.m. When an individual signs up, the individual must indicate whether the comment pertains to an item on the agenda and, if so, which item or items. 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 Committee on the item must sign up separately for that later date.
3. The period reserved for public comment at a Committee 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 member may make adjustments in accordance with the Committee's adopted procedures on public comment.
4. A speaker will be given up to 3 minutes to address the Committee. If, however, the total number of speakers seeking to address the Committee 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 Committee. A speaker who wishes to address multiple agenda items may be given more time to address the Committee in accordance with the Committee's adopted procedures.
5. Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Committee is not permitted to discuss or act upon any issues that are not posted on the agenda for the meeting.
6. The Committee 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 Committee as a properly posted agenda item. For further information on those policies, please contact, Lucy Malina, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police at 512-772-7143. If the subject of a speaker's comment involves a pending grievance, the speaker should seek resolution through the grievance process and address the Committee only at the appropriate stage of that process.

7. Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Committee 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 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 Committee 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

Does the topic or topics on which you wish to address the Committee appear on the current agenda?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please indicate the topic or topics on the agenda about which you wish to address the Committee:

If No, please list any topics on which you would like to comment that are not on the agenda for the meeting: