

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION AT GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to notify the public regarding attendance and expectations at Governing Board meetings, in accordance with Utah Code 52-4-201.3.

POLICY:

Every regular, special, or called meeting of the Board shall be open to the public. Citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of attending Board meetings except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of the State of Utah and Federal and State statutes.

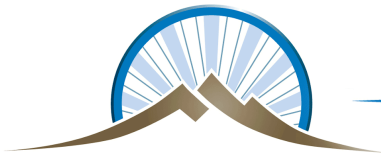
All speakers wishing to address the Board during Open Public Comments, must notify the secretary of the Board and sign in at the beginning of the meeting. Anyone properly signed in shall have the opportunity to speak during the board meeting. Resolution of questions or responses to proposals should not be expected at this meeting. Staff or others may be asked to research and/or prepare materials and solutions for a later time.

Public participation comments are limited to the time set by the board on that meeting's agenda. If multiple persons wish to address the board on the same topic, the Board may reasonably limit the total time for public comment on that topic. When multiple individuals wish to address the Board on one or more topics, the Board Chair may place a time limit for total public participation and proportion the time for those who wish to speak.

The Board shall make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending its meetings and regarding public participation.

Regulations for persons addressing the Board are:

1. The speaker's remarks shall focus on an issue which is being or can be dealt with by the Board.
2. Personal attacks are not permitted. Personal attacks include attacking the motives or person of an individual but do not include criticism of specific actions or decisions of the Board or of policy-making employees of the School. Any person making a personal attack may be ruled out of order by the Board Chair.
3. Complaints against individual non-policymaking employees of the School shall not be made during public participation. Such complaints shall be referred to the Grievance Policy. If a speaker makes such a complaint, the Board Chair should inform the speaker of the proper procedure for



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making such complaints. If the speaker persists in making a complaint, the speaker may be ruled out of order by the Board Chair.

Any person interrogating or debating with members of the Board may be ruled out of order by the Board Chair.

Personal attacks, harassment, threatening, erratic, or unsafe behavior are strictly prohibited. This includes verbal, physical, or repeated disruptive conduct that interferes with the meeting or endangers attendees. The Board Chair may immediately terminate a speaker's comments or dismiss an attendee from the meeting if they behave in a threatening, harassing, erratic, or otherwise unsafe manner. The Board Chair may also suspend or end public participation or end the meeting as necessary to protect the safety of attendees or ensure compliance with Utah Open and Public Meetings requirements. Law enforcement may be contacted if any person poses a risk to safety.

The Board Chair may terminate any speaker's public comment for persistent violations of these rules, provided the speaker has been ruled out of order for violation of these rules.

If the Board determines a need for additional discussion raised during public participation, the item may be added to the agenda for a future meeting.