

## **Cooperative Board**

### **Public Participation at Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board**

At each regular and special open meeting, the members of the public and Cooperative employees may comment to or ask questions of the Advisory Board, subject to reasonable constraints.

The individuals appearing before the Board are expected to follow these guidelines:

1. Address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board Chairperson.
2. Identify oneself and be brief. Ordinarily, comments shall be limited to 3 minutes. In unusual circumstances, and when an individual has made a request in advance to speak for a longer period of time, the individual may be allowed to speak for more than 3 minutes.
3. Observe the Board Chairperson's decision to shorten public comment to conserve time and give the maximum number of individuals an opportunity to speak.
4. Observe the Board Chairperson's decision to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise defined in Board policy.
5. Conduct oneself with respect and civility toward others and otherwise abide by Board policy, 8:30, *Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*.

Petitions or written correspondence to the Board shall be presented to the Board in the next regular Board packet.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-6 and 5/10-16.

CROSS REF.: 2:220 (Board Meeting Procedure), 8:10 (Connection with the Community), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

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