

Category: Council Operating Procedures - 5000

Policy: Participation by the Public - 5019

All meetings of the Board shall be held in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

The Board shall make available at the meeting, for examination by members of the public, at least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed or received in open session of the meeting.

The Board may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, photographing, or recording its meetings. The Board may not forbid public participation at all meetings, but the Board is not required to allow citizens to speak at each meeting.

The Board shall not require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting, nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda.

Individuals who wish to address the Board shall be governed by these and any other such rules and regulations adopted by the Board:

1. Fill out a Request to be Heard form and provide it to the person or persons designated to assist the Board in collection of such forms.
2. In seeking the floor, individuals will state their name and place of residence and indicate whether they speak for themselves or for an organization.
3. The Board will generally allow a total of 30 minutes for the presentation of all public comments. Individuals may speak only one time, and must limit comments to around 5 minutes. If there are more than 6 individuals who wish to address the board, the 30 minutes will be divided equally between the number of speakers. These time limits may be changed by a majority vote of the Board members in attendance to extend the time for a specific item or speaker.

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