

Rules and Procedures for Public Comment

- 1) Speakers may be asked to sign in before the meeting to acknowledge these Rules and provide their name, the topic about which they seek to address the Board, and to confirm whether they are a resident of the District or not.
- 2) The purpose of Public Comment is to provide input to the Board on issues relevant to the District and about which the Board has authority.
- 3) Public comments shall be:
 - a. Limited to three (3) minutes.
 - b. Directed to the Board as a whole and not to individual members.
 - c. Presented in a courteous and professional demeanor and not in a threatening, profane, vulgar, insulting, or abusive manner.
 - d. Limited to topics pertaining to the District and about which the Board has authority.
- 4) Speakers, when recognized by the Board Chair, may be asked to provide their name and to confirm whether they are a resident of the District or not, prior to addressing the Board.
- 5) Individuals who engage in repetitive comments or questions or who otherwise violate the provisions of Rules 2 or 3 above will be asked to refrain and/or yield to the floor.
- 6) Failure to abide by these requirements after a first warning may result in the Board requiring that the speaker, in lieu of speaking, submit his/her statements in writing during future public comment periods.
- 7) Neither the Board nor the administration shall engage in a discussion or provide an immediate response to the input. Rather, the Board can benefit from hearing the input and determine what follow-up action is required, if any.
- 8) The Board Chair is responsible for the administration and enforcement of these rules.
- 9) If a member of the public continues to disrupt the meeting or engages in threatening or violent behavior, law enforcement may be called.