

Public Comment

The Library Board is interested in hearing from the public and provides the opportunity for the public to speak on any library-related issue at the Public Comment section of the agenda.

1. Speakers wishing to speak must be present at the meeting. Public comment by use of any telecommunications device to speak at any regular or special meeting will not be permitted, except in the case of individuals with disabilities that prevent them from attending in person. Individuals who cannot attend due to disability or who require disability related accommodations to allow them to observe and /or participate are requested to contact the library in advance, if possible, to allow the library to try to arrange reasonable accommodations.
2. A sign-up sheet will be provided 15 minutes prior to the start of the Board meeting and each person who desires to speak to the Board will list their name, indicate if they live in the IPPL district, and the topic they will speak to.
3. Speakers will be called in the order listed on the sign-up sheet. Each speaker may present comments once during the meeting for a maximum of three minutes.
4. A maximum of five speakers will be heard at any one meeting.
5. Board members may ask questions for their own clarification but will not provide direct responses to the speakers nor engage in discussion on the particular topic at that time.

The Board President is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on the appropriateness of speakers' presentations relative to the purpose of the Public Comment period. The Library Board as a whole shall have the final decision on such rulings. Any person who disrupts the meeting, uses obscene or threatening language or gestures, or violates the library's behavior policy, or posed a threat to public safety will be removed from the meeting and the library.

Comments on the performance of specific library employees must be addressed to the Library Director separate from the Board meeting. When needed, discussion with the trustees about an employee will be held in closed Executive Session.

The Board may suspend any part of this policy by general consent, or by a vote of the board members present. Any motion to suspend shall specify the duration of the suspension of the rules.

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