

## Public Participation at Board Meetings

All regular and special meetings of the **Charter** Board shall be open to the public. Because the **Charter** Board desires to hear the viewpoints of all citizens throughout the charter school and also needs to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner, it shall schedule one or more periods during each meeting for brief comments and questions from the public. The **Charter** Board shall set a time limit on the length of this period and/or time limit for individual speakers.

Members of the public wishing to make formal presentations before the **Charter** Board should make arrangements in advance with the administrator so that such presentations may be scheduled on the agenda.

Comments and questions at a regular meeting may deal with any topic related to the **Charter** Board's conduct of the schools. Comments at special meetings must be related to the call of the meeting. Speakers may offer such criticism of school operations and programs as concern them. But in public session, the **Charter** Board will not hear personal complaints against any person connected with the school system.

The **Charter** Board president shall be responsible for recognizing all speakers who shall properly identify themselves, for maintaining proper order and for adherence to any time limits set. Questions asked by the public shall, when possible, be answered immediately by the president or referred to staff members present for reply. Questions requiring investigation shall be referred to the administrator for consideration and later response.

Members of the public will not be recognized by the president as the **Charter** Board conducts its official business except when the **Charter** Board schedules an interim public discussion period on a particular item.

CROSS REF: KE, Public Concerns and Complaints

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