

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Any person shall be permitted an opportunity to address the Library Board under the rules established by the Library Board, in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act [5 ILCS 120/2.06(g)]. During the meeting, the board will listen, but will not respond to those who speak. If a response is needed it will come after the board has had time to deliberate the issue, seek additional information, or take recommendations from the director. However, the board may ask questions for clarification.

1. Address the Board at the time indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
2. Identify him or herself by giving a full name. Limit comments to 5 minutes. In unusual circumstances the person may be allowed to speak longer at the President's discretion. An overall limit of 30 minutes of public comment shall be allowed at each board meeting.
3. Under the terms of the Open Meetings Act, the Library Board President may suspend comments that are irrelevant, repetitious, or disruptive.
4. Public participation is not allowed during closed sessions.
5. Any member of the public who is disruptive at any time during the meeting may be removed.
6. The Board President has the authority to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise defined in Board policy.

It is important to note that a library board meeting is a meeting conducted in public, not a public meeting. In other words, the public, and possibly media representatives, are there to watch the board work, not to participate in the board meeting.

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