

Public Participation at Board Meetings

Members of the public may speak during the Call to the Audience. The Governing Board Clerk shall be responsible for recognizing speakers and for maintaining order where it may be appropriate.

Those who speak in person or would like to have their comments read shall email or call the Board office or complete a “Request to Address the Board” form before the end of the Call to the Audience. Speakers who have not completed a request form are not permitted to address the Board. Speakers must state their full name and topic prior to addressing the Board.

Speakers are encouraged to be brief with a maximum speaking time of 3 minutes. While more than one speaker may speak together in the time allowed, speakers are reminded that they are not allowed to speak more than once and they may not transfer or delegate their time to others.

If there are documents for the Board, please give them to board office staff, they will ensure each board member receives a copy.

Those attending the meeting and/or speaking before the Board shall observe rules of good conduct. Speakers shall also refrain from inappropriate or defamatory remarks. Defamation includes false statements presented as facts about identifiable persons that could harm their reputation. Please note that making defamatory statements at a public meeting may expose the speaker to personal legal liability. Because TUSD serves students from Preschool through High School, speakers should be aware that there may be children present and listening.

At the end of the Call to the Audience, the Governing Board President will ask if any board member would like to respond to criticism, ask staff to review a matter or ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. No more than two members may address each topic.

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